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The Grandmont Community Association Serves approximately 1100 residences in the Grandmont Community, including households south of Grand River, west of Asbury Park, north of Schoolcraft, and east of Southfield Freeway.

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.

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Important Numbers

- Crime reporting**
 1. Call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress
 2. Otherwise, call (313) 267-4600, the DPD non-emergency line
 3. Contact the GCA security chair (313) 980-7799
Grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com
 4. To report crime anonymously, call 1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-773-2587)
- Auto-theft tips** Text "TIP411" (847411) or Call 800-242-HEAT (4238)
- Narcotics tips** Call 313-224-DOPE (3673)
- Gun activity** 800-AFT-GUNS (800-283-4867)
- Poison control** 1-800-222-1222
- Animal control** (313) 224-6356
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- 8th Precinct Police District** 21555W. McNichols Rd., 313-596-5800 NPO Shawn Childrey—(313)596-5217
- City Councilman James Tate** 313-224-1027 councilmembertate@detroitmi.gov
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES



Mark your calendars!

Grandmont Community Meetings - all welcome -

Nov. 3 Dec. 1

Meetings are held at 10 am on the first Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted at GRDC, 19800 Grand River.

Grandmont Patrol Meetings - all welcome -

Nov. 5 Dec. 3

Meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise noted at GRDC, 19800 Grand River

Block Capt. meetings Garden Club

See you in 2019! See you in spring 2019!

Meetings are held at 12:30 pm at GRDC. Meetings are held at 7 pm at Chaney

Please pay your 2018 dues! Time is running out.
See page 4 for details on how to pay.

SAVE THIS DATE: Monday, December 10, 2018

Grandmont's **LAST DAY** for **YARD WASTE PICK-UP**.



Please note that Bulk Items will still be

picked up every other Monday as noted. If you haven't added **313-800-7905** to your contacts - and then texted your **home address** to that number you are missing out on a great reminder of WHEN our GARBAGE, BULK, YARD WASTE, and RECYCLING date is by a text message sent the night before our pickup date right to your phone. It's very useful and if it's too much, you can easily opt out. This is a good service the City provides, take advantage of it now.

Property Tax Exemption Workshops

The Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP) holds monthly Property Tax Exemption Workshops at GRDC, 19800 Grand River, from 10 am – 4 pm on the second Wednesday of the month through December 2019. The next workshop will be Wednesday, November 14. Attendees will receive help filling out HPTAP applications. For more info, go to FromclosureDetroit.com or call GRDC's Community Engagement Manager Kitty Yarbrough at 313.387.4732, ext. 103.

Did you know...?

A study in the Journal of Aging Research found that babies born during the autumn months are more likely to live to 100 than those born during the rest of the year.

Their study found that 30% of US centenarians born during 1880-1895 were born in the autumn months.

Trash FAQs

- Trash day is **Friday**
- Bulk and yard waste pick-up is **every other Monday**
- Recycling pick-up is **every other Wednesday**
- Document shredding will be available **May 19th, @ Christ the King**
- Hazardous Waste Collection will be available in **June, August, and November**

Riddle Me This

- This five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is the word?
- I stay in the corner but I travel around the world. What am I?
- What rock group has four men who don't sing?

- A. Short
B. A Stamp
C. Mount Rushmore

STAY IN TOUCH!

To stay on top of all that's happening in the neighborhood, send an email to GRDC's Administrative Assistant Jocelyn Moss at jocelyn@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to our weekly eblast list. You can also like Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation on Facebook, or visit our website: grandmont-rosedale.com.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY!



Small Business Saturday is Saturday, Nov. 24 from 11 am – 5 pm. More than 20 local, independent vendors will sell a variety of goods at several locations along Grand River. Vendors will be at the Grand River Work-Place, 19120 Grand River, Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River, and Cutz Lounge The Grooming Shop, 19655 Grand River. Several of our Grand River businesses such as Spa-A-

Peel, 19025 Grand River, Pages Bookshop, 19560 Grand River, and the STARS Elite Training Center, 19600 Grand River will also participate in Small Business Saturday, and welcome your support. Look for food trucks too as you spend your holiday dollars in Grandmont Rosedale!

CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Stay engaged with your community by attending the next Crime Prevention Task Force Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 10:30 am at the GRDC offices, 19800 Grand River. For more info contact GRDC's Community Engagement Manager Kitty Yarbrough at kyarbrough@grandmontrosedale.com or 313.387.4732, ext. 103.

VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

Join the Vacant Property Task Force and see how you can help keep Grandmont Rosedale safe and beautiful. The next VPTF meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 10 am at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River. For more info, contact Kitty Yarbrough.

SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Plan to attend the Senior Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 20 from 11 am – 2 pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Sponsored by the Crime Prevention Task Force, the Luncheon is sure to be a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays and community. For more info, contact Kitty Yarbrough.

HOLIDAY MARKET – Sat., Nov. 17

Several of your favorite Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market vendors will be at the GRDC offices, 19800 Grand River, on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11 am – 3 pm for a Holiday Market. Stop by and pick up fresh, locally grown ingredients for your holiday meal! For more info, contact Kitty Yarbrough.

Grandmont Community Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(INCLUDES STREET SNOW REMOVAL, NEWSLETTER, SCHOLARSHIPS, COMMITTEES, EVENTS, LOBBYING, ETC)

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE(S): _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE ADD MY EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY RESOURCES:
GRANDMONT INFORMATION NETWORK GRANDMONT CRIME ALERT

NUMBER OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD _____

MEMBERSHIP YEAR(S) BEING PAID:

2017 _____ 2019 _____
2018 _____ 2020 _____

Additional Donation _____

Please mail with check or money order for **\$25.00** per year (**\$10.00** 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:

(COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2 OF GRANDMONITOR)

- Arts & Crafts Fair
- Beautification
- By-Laws
- Education & Youth
- Environmental
- Finance
- Membership
- Grandmont Radio Patrol
- GRANDMONITOR Newsletter
- Nominations
- Ramsay Park
- Safety/Security
- Scholarship
- Social Planning
- Street & Block Captains
- Web Site
- Vacant Property Task Force

PAY YOUR DUES WITH PAYPAL!



Go to www.Grandmontcommunity.org. Scroll down to the **MEMBERSHIP** section and "CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW TO GO TO THE MEMBERSHIP PAGE" button.

You can pay for past, current or future memberships with your Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover through PayPal. The shopping cart will open in a separate window. ***Please note there is a small 3% convenience fee of 75¢ to pay online for each year.***

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**Grand River Workplace:
A Great Place to Start Your Business**

The Grand River WorkPlace, 19120 Grand River, is a neighborhood co-working space that offers small businesses a variety of support services. Check out grandriverworkplace.com to learn about the many ongoing small business support services and office conveniences, or like Grand River WorkPlace on Facebook.

Visit the Grand River Annex

The Grand River Annex, 19556 Grand River, is a cultural incubator that can be rented for your next event. The Annex currently houses the Norwest Detroit Gallery of Art, a beautiful, curated art gallery with monthly exhibitions and events. Like Norwest Gallery of Art on Facebook to find out about upcoming events. You can also like the Grand River Annex on Facebook to learn more, or contact GRDC's Administrative Assistant Jocelyn Moss at jocelyn@grandmontrosedale.com or 313.387.4732 ext. 104.





Let's grow a healthy future together!

vote

You have the opportunity to voice your opinion at both the City and the State level in 2018! What

our lawmakers decide at the local level and the state level impacts everyone's quality of life.

Visit the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#) to:

- Find your poll location
- Find your voter registration status
- View a sample ballot to learn who is running to



Wisdom

By Krystal Thurmond

Years ago I'd read a little book entitled 'Are You As Happy As Your Dog' by Alan Cohen. I decided to pull out a few 'lessons' that are gleaned from the writer, Cohen while watching his dog, Munchie. Even if you're not a dog lover, I think you can learn a little something.



The author, Cohen writes in one of the lessons, 'Listen to Your Body'. Munchie seems to understand the concept of listening to his body and honoring it by giving it what it requires. When he's tired, he sleeps; when he is rested he gets up. He eats when he is hungry, and walks away from his bowl when his tummy is full. When someone pets him, he stays right where he is and groans with delight. When he is in pain, he stops what he is doing. When he finds a sunny spot on the grass, he lies down and naps. When the weather is bad he stays in the house. He moves his body a lot, and he feels good. Maybe we should try listening to our bodies a little more like Munchie.



Environmental—Vacant Property Task Force



LET THE CITY PLANT A TREE in front of your home - or if you live on a corner, on the cross street! It's easy and there is still time to take advantage of the City's 10,000 Tree Initiative. **Call 313-224-6391 or email squallsa@detroitmi.gov. It's that easy.** Soon you will be contacted by the City and/or a tree will be planted in front of your home. You will also get a notice of what type of tree was planted. Trees remove harmful pollution from the air and reduce rainwater runoff and flooding. The shade on those hot, summer days (remember July and August!) is a welcome relief from the sun. Trees also reduce noise, improve property values, and add beauty and livability to our community. One misconception of tree planting is that tree roots break sewer pipes. Roots do not break sewer lines, they only enter pipes if the pipes are already broken. The City also chooses trees that minimize dropping messy waste.

Thank you to all who attended the Block & Street Captain Meeting on September 15 at Bushnell Church. Special thanks to all of our guest speakers who were friendly, informative, and provided timely handouts from their presentation. DI representatives Latrice McClendon and Rukaya Abdullah were helpful in promoting the Improve Detroit App. Remember if you don't have that or the SCF (See, Click, Fix) App, you can always file an anonymous complaint by calling the City **Environmental Department at 313-876-0974**. Aaron Hall represented Councilman Tate and provided contact and upcoming meeting information. Angel Squalls from the Forestry Department encouraged tree planting in our neighborhood and throughout the City, and Richard Burk from Advanced Disposal answered numerous questions about garbage, yard waste/bulk, and recycling and how neighbors need to know the guidelines. Thanks to all that participated.

This is a good time to pay our Association Dues. Always keep your membership card handy as a reminder (and proof of payment) of what years you have paid. Additional donations to our \$25.00 annual dues are also appreciated and help provide more activities planned in Grandmont throughout the year. Your money is well spent right where you live. Thank you.

Property values seem to be rising, but please don't fall for the fly-by-night solicitors who are redlining our community by their signs and door hangers trying to buy your house. If it's too good to be true it probably is! Often, there is no "office" or names associated with these nuisances. Promises may not be legal, and it's possible people only want your personal information. If you are thinking of selling your home, contact a reputable realtor or Grandmont-Rosedale Development Corporation first. Do not give out personal information to solicitors you haven't called first. Be safe and smart.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS. We want to get to know you and share what's happening in your new community, the Grandmont Community Association. Please call a GCA Board Member or me if you have recently moved in and have not met your block captain. Every block should have a block captain to deliver our newsletter, collect dues, smooth neighbor issues, and give you a Welcome Packet with useful contacts and information.



PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC FATALITIES

5,376 pedestrians were killed and **69,000** were injured in traffic crashes in 2015.

OVER HALF of pedestrian fatalities occurred at night.

8 out of 10 pedestrian fatalities occurred outside of intersections.

21% of children under age 14 who were killed in traffic crashes were on foot.

Source: FHRS 2015

Daylight is diminished! **Please "LIGHT THE NIGHT."** Neighbors can't say something, if they can't see something. It's safer for everyone if you turn on your porch light and sidelights. The holiday season is fast approaching, and thieves are always looking for easy targets. Remember to park your vehicle off the street and in your garage. Less cars on the street make it easier to spot a car that doesn't belong, as well as make for safer passage of police, fire, medical, school buses and delivery service vehicles. Snow removal is a top priority in the winter season. Cars parked off the street make it an easier snow sweep of our streets. Thank you for your help. And as always, **SLOW DOWN!** It's a residential area.

FALL ORGANIZATION

checklist

The change of the seasons means it's time to start preparing your home for winter! Use this checklist to prep for cooler temperatures

PORCH & DECK

- Empty and stow planters for the winter
- Sweep the porch and deck
- Give any outdoor rugs a wash and store for the winter
- Wash the windows
- Clean the grill and store it (if necessary)
- Clean and stow patio furniture and pillows

GARAGE

- Declutter tools and equipment
- Sweep the floor
- Get rid of lingering trash and clutter
- Bring out snow shovel and sleds
- Store warm weather tools
- Bring out rakes

CAR/VAN

- Change out car emergency kits for colder weather
- Check tires and fluid levels

FRONT & BACKYARD

- Remove hoses from outdoor spigots
- Clean and store fire pit (we like to do this toward the end of fall)
- Cut down dead trees or hanging limbs
- Clean up yard
- Close pool

HOUSE (INTERIOR)

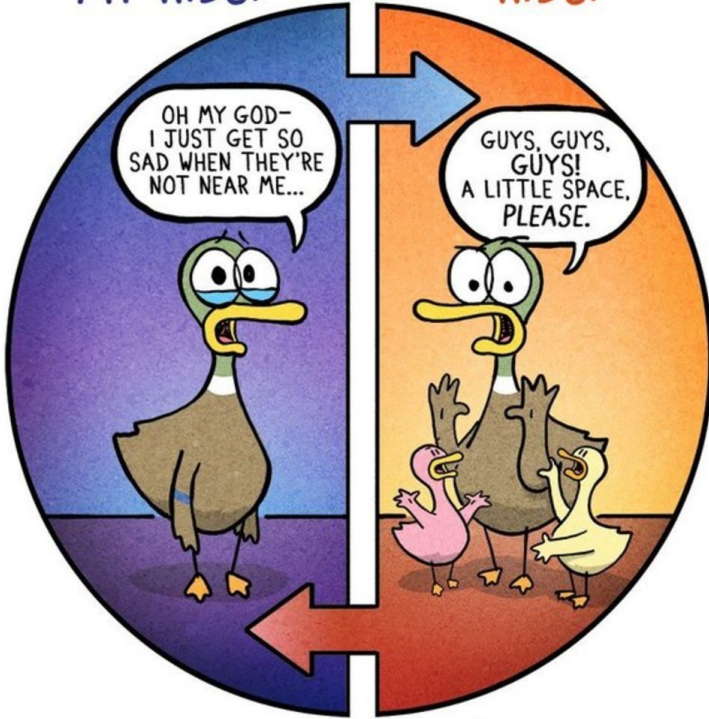
- Clear debris from downspout
- Replace bulbs if needed in outdoor lighting
- Clean out gutters
- Check vents
- Prepare firewood
- Inspect roof and exterior of home

HOUSE (EXTERIOR)

- Check weatherstripping and replace if needed
- Wash screens and storm doors
- Service the furnace
- Sweep the chimney
- Check furnace filter
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Set thermostat for winter months

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WHEN I'M AROUND MY KIDS:



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NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 All Saints' Day / Dia de los Muertos	2	3 10 am - GCA Board meeting, GRDC
4 Rosh Hashanah Grandparents' Day	5 7 pm - Neighborhood Patrol meeting, GRDC	6 US General Election VOTE!	7 ● RECYCLE PICKUP 	8	9	10
11	12 Veteran's Day BULK AND YARD WASTE PICKUP	13 10:30 am - Crime Prevention Task Force, GRDC World Kindness Day	14 10 am-4 pm - HPTAP Workshop, GRDC	15 	16	17 11 am - 3 pm - Holiday Market, GRDC 8th Precinct Police Community Meeting
18	19	20 10 am - Vacant Property Task Force meeting, Always Brewing	21 RECYCLE PICKUP 	22 Thanksgiving	23 Black Friday	24 11 am - 6 pm - Small Business Saturday
25	26 BULK AND YARD WASTE PICKUP	27	28	29	30 	
GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING GRDC OFFICE, 19800 GRAND RIVER—SAT., Nov 3, 2018 - 10 AM		NOVEMBER MEETINGS 2018		GRANDMONT-ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE— 6:30PM - DECEMBER TBA		
GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING GRDC, 19800 GRAND RIVER ~ MONDAY, NOV. 5, 2018 - 7 PM					8TH PCT. POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: 21555 W. McNichols—7 PM - Nov. 17, 2018	