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Letter from The President

Dear Neighbors,

What a year! 2020 has brought us tough times for sure. We have lost family members and friends due to COVID 19 and our nation and world was shaken by a racial revolution. We are approaching what will be an historic election and school and work looks so much different than anyone has ever imagined.

The world is different. It is changing. Change is often hard and uncomfortable, but with change comes new opportunity. We have the opportunity to practice gratitude, love our neighbors and truly be the change we wish to see in the world, in our city, in Grandmont.

We were unable to host our annual meeting or Christmas party, but we are praying we can gather in person again soon.

In October, the Grandmonitor went virtual, with access to 30+ years of prior newsletters. This was a big change and we hope you were able to visit the website over the past two months to read an edition or two. Still want a paper copy? Our block captains will make sure you receive a copy. We would also like to take this opportunity to say welcome to our volunteer editor, Sandra Rideaux-Miller.

On November 3, 2020, the 2020 GCA Board elections took place at Ramsay Park. Please congratulate our newly elected board members - Charity Dean (Board President), Cora Duncan-Foster, Robert Patterson, Ethel Smith and Edward Smith.

Times are different more than they have ever been and while there has been so much chaos and uncertainty, there is one thing that remains constant. It is the consistent warmth and joy that comes from having good neighbors.

Grandmont is the home of good neighbors. So while we are navigating all this change and uncertainty, take it as a new opportunity to be a source of joy for your neighbors. Bake a pie, pick up the phone and call your buddy that lives down the block, join someone on the porch with a cup of coffee, or go ahead and let someone borrow a cup of sugar. Practice gratitude and be kind to each other. While there are a lot of things that are unknown, I know for sure that we will get through this. And we will get through it together.

Wishing you and your family Happy Holidays!
-Charity Dean
GCA President



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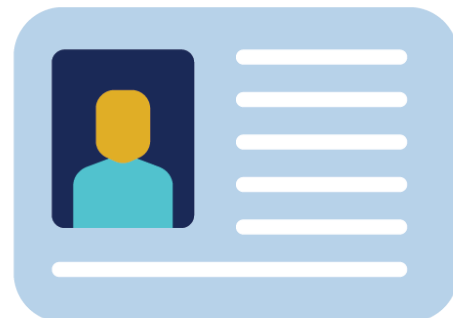
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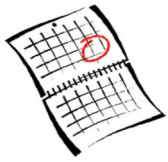
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Mark Your 2021 Calendars!

Meetings

Grandmont Community Meetings - all are welcome -

Jan. 9 Apr. 3 July 3 Oct. 2
Feb. 6 May 8 Aug. 7 Nov. 6
Mar. 6 June 5 Sept. 4 Dec. 4

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

*It should be noted that until further notice due to COVID-19 safety measures, the meetings will be held via Zoom. The link can be found on our website and Facebook page.

Grandmont Patrol Meetings - all are welcome -

Jan. 4 Apr. 5 July 5 Oct. 4
Feb. 1 May 3 Aug. 2 Nov. 1
Mar. 1 June 7 Sept. 6 Dec. 6

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

*It should be noted that until further notice due to COVID-19 safety measures, the meetings will be held via Zoom.



Beautification & Garden Club Committee Meeting

Please join the Beautification & Garden Club Committee at any of our upcoming meetings for 2021.

For more information and to volunteer with us next year, please contact Larissa Richardson (313) 614-4910.

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-
Grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com
4. To report crime anonymously, call 1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-733-2587)

Auto-theft Tips

Text "TIP411" (847411) or
Call 800-242-HEAT (4238)

Narcotic Tips

Call 313-224-DOPE (3673)

Gun Activity

1-800-AFT-GUNS (800-283-4867)

Poison Control

1-800-222-1222

Animal Control

313-224-6356

Bulk/Recycle Drop-off

Southfield Yard, 12255 Southfield Svc. Dr.
Mon-Sat, 8:30-4 (closed daily 12:30-1:30)

8th Precinct Police District

21555 W. McNichols Rd., 313-596-5800
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GCA's 42nd Scholarship honoree, Isis King



All of us as well as the general public greatly admire the accomplishments of Isis King, our 2020 Scholarship Honoree. Her [volunteerism for Grandmont Community Association](#) is tremendous!

On Sunday, July 26, 2020 at GCA Board Member Jomo King's home, a festive reception was celebrated in Isis' honor with family, friends, and community members. In attendance were: Isis King, Jomo King (parent), Darlita King (parent), Charity Dean, Eric Dean, Samantha Bonaparte, Ethel Smith, Harrison R. Duke, Robert Patterson, Philip Foster, and I, Cora A. Duncan-Foster. Furthermore, the honoree was interviewed by a panel which included: GCA Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee, and Committee Chairs. The honoree demonstrated excellent oral presentation skills; projected self-confidence, authority and enthusiasm; and displayed a high degree of professional excellence. Her every word assured us that we made the right selection and that the Grandmont Scholarship is a resource that lends to the future leaders of our community, city and state. The \$1,000 scholarship will be placed in her Michigan State University student account. The GCA Scholarship was made possible by a generous donation from the GCA Art Fair, Director Jomo King. Additional donations were provided by Grandmont family and friends. The Grandmont Scholarship Committee appreciates all donations that made this scholarship possible. To the honoree, please accept our heartfelt congratulations for your success!

The GCA Scholarship Committee consists of **Ethel Smith, Harrison Duke, Julie Janusch, Samantha Bonaparte, Mark Janusch and myself**. We have excelled in developing team momentum, enthusiasm and pride! Thank you! We express sincere appreciation to [Stephanie A. Young](#) for Mayor Mike Duggan's Achievement Award and to Council Member [James Tate](#), for the Detroit City Council Certificate. Furthermore, Isis received the Grandmont Community Association Excellence Certificate. Now, her portfolio shows the highest standard of certificate excellence.

Cora Duncan-Foster

Isis King's 2020 Scholarship Essay

Education gives us an awareness of the world around us, and turns it into something greater. It provides a viewpoint of looking at life inside us. It allows us to shape opinions and to have views on issues in life. College is important to me for a number of reasons, including lifelong relationships with others, long-term financial benefit, job stability, and overall success. I believe education is a necessity to be successful.

I want to go to college to get the experience. Attending college is going to challenge me academically and intellectually. I want to be surrounded by people who are as ambitious and want to learn as much as they can like me. The experience would introduce me to real-life situations and make me learn from them. When I go to college I want to pledge to a sorority. Being a part of many clubs and teams will make me become more social and active within the university. Mainly, the experience will help me figure out how to go about my future. After school I will not be depending on my family to support me, I want them to encourage me to start my life off right.

I am a graduate of Renaissance High School Class of 2020. There was no doubt that my future lies in the sciences. Some key factors that contributed to my decision was my curiosity for how the brain functions, my love for science, and taking the psychology class offered at my high school. I have always wanted to pursue a career in helping others ever since I was younger. I want to have a positive impact and make a difference in people's lives. I spend most of my time being productive and giving back to my community. For the past 2 years I have worked for a non-profit organization called Developing K.I.D.S. There I am a youth leader who teaches while incorporating fun activities into learning; to keep the youth knowledgeable during the summer. That job has taught me so much and I am grateful to be a part of the organization.

I am different from other applicants because I strive and work as hard as I can to achieve my goal. I am very active in my community. I am a team player and I am always focused. Over the years I have learned many life lessons that derived from participating in community events, being a participant and youth leader at Developing K.I.D.S and playing volleyball. The lesson I learned is to always have confidence in yourself most importantly. Teamwork is the key to being successful. Leadership has taught me to be decisive and to never stop learning. Sportsmanship taught me how to interact with others and be compassionate. These qualities helped me to be disciplined and to incorporate what I learn into my everyday life.

~Isis King

Letter to My Neighbors

Greetings Good Neighbors,

My name is Sean Novak. Some people call me Red. It's easy to remember because I have red hair. I am one of your elected board members to the Grandmont Community Association. I'm a resident on Longacre, closer to Schoolcraft. It has been my pleasure to serve on the board alongside my neighbors to serve you and our community. I was born here in Detroit in 1980. I grew up half of my childhood here until we lost our home in the early 90s. This sent me on a journey navigating various rural and suburban outskirts of Detroit and Flint during the 90s. My father and other family remained in Detroit so the connection wasn't lost during that time and I always yearned to be back home. About 5 years ago, my wife and I came back here to Detroit. She's a Chicagoan, but I'm working on that conversion. We bought our first ever home here in Grandmont where our first child, our daughter was born earlier this year. Just to put everyone on notice, she will be your queen one day as she reigns over the world.

I had the blessing (and pain) of a lot of experiences between my childhood here and returning as an adult. I returned because I love my city. I love Detroit. I like to say that I never left, that I just took Motown on the road with me for the world to get a taste of our greatness. In fact, while navigating the wilderness out there I spent a significant amount of time defending the good name of our city from the widely-held and misinformed perspectives about our city. I grew quite defensive and zealous for our city over the years. I took this battle all the way down to Durham, North Carolina. Home was whispering in my ear to come back. It was a fresh breath of air to sit on the porch of my first ever home (that we owned) here in Grandmont. I took a deep breath and just thanked God for his blessings. Growing up in the 80s in various locations off 7 mile between Telegraph and Evergreen, the Grandmont-Rosedale collective was a desirable place that we wished we could live in, but many of us thought it was swinging above our weight. It felt like it was the "other side of the tracks." It is still a desirable place and I was grateful to land here as an adult.

Our community is much more than that though. Although I do believe we hold ourselves to understandably high standards as a community, I wouldn't paint our neighborhood as elitist. We have brothers and sisters from all walks of life here in Grandmont. We have the value of brothers and sisters who have lived here their whole life. We have folk like me who are repatriates, those returning home. We also have brothers and sisters who are new to Detroit, some coming from similar cities (although there is nothing comparable to Detroit) and some coming from very distinctly different environments. We have folk who are rich in local cultural knowledge due to years of experience here. They should be honored, respected, and their value accommodated. We are a community proudly immersed in black excellence with diverse racial and ethnic others standing in solidarity to sprinkle our greatness into the recipe as well. We have the resources of brothers and sisters with vocational experiences ranging from various skilled trades, healthcare workers, auto workers, law enforcement, K-12 school teachers, college administrators, accountants, city officials, media professionals, and of course being Detroit we have various entrepreneurs blazing their own trails.

We recently experienced an attack on our community in the political realm. Detroit was under fire and the competence of our people here were questioned on a national stage during the election process in 2020. As we have in the past, we fought back and reminded the nation who we are. I will save you of my politically charged rant about that because I have plenty to say about it. However, my point here is that we have a rich community that I have only scratched the surface on in this letter. We have a long way to go in getting organized to our potential in Grandmont. My hope is that despite any differences we have we can continue to chip away at anything that divides us here in Grandmont. We can continue doing preventative work of getting to know one another so not to easily be divided when various circumstances arise. Let us continue to do that hard work, starting on our respective blocks. Get to know your neighbors. We all have plenty going on and truthfully, we're not all going to be best friends. However, we can be united in protecting and uplifting our community. We want the best for our people here from infants to elders.

Just out of my mere interest in continuing to connect with neighbors I am going to be hosting a Grandmont Community Social Hour on Sundays from 4pm - 5pm. I would love for you to join me so we can get to know each other. It will start on Zoom, but once we beat the pants off this COVID we will fellowship in person. Feel free to reach out to me at snovakgrandmont@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of those ongoing gatherings. I look forward to growing with you all.

Sincerely,
Sean "Red" Novak
Grandmont Community Association

Holidays: Better Safe than COVID



With the holidays fast approaching, we want to share recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for gatherings with family and friends amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The following general considerations were made in a bid to slow down the spread of the virus. The CDC, however, stressed that these guidelines are meant to supplement, and not replace local health and safety regulations.

Hosting or Attending Gatherings

- Check the COVID-19 infection rates in the location, as well as the areas where attendees are coming from.
- Limit the number of guests and practice social distancing (at least six feet apart) at all times.
- Have a small outdoor gathering and require guests to wear and safely store masks when not eating or drinking.
- When celebrating indoors, open the windows and doors.
- Encourage attendees to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and shared items in between use.
- Ask guests to avoid contact with people outside their households for two weeks before the gathering.

Food and Drinks

- Avoid potluck-style gatherings. Have guests bring their own food and drink instead.
- Limit the number of people going in and out of common areas where food is being prepared such as the kitchen or around the grill.
- Have one person serve food and opt for single-use plates and utensils.

Travel and Overnight Stays

- Get your flu vaccine shot before traveling.
- Always wear a mask in public settings and mass transportation.
- Keep a safe distance of at least two arm lengths from anyone who is not from your household.
- Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your mask, eyes, nose and mouth.

Potential Exposure

If you are exposed to COVID-19 at a holiday gathering or while in transit, the CDC recommends you self-quarantine for 14 days and watch for a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, cough, shortness of breath or other COVID-19 related symptoms.

Consider getting tested for the virus, and even if you tested negative or you feel healthy, you should still stay at home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19. This is because symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus and some infected people never have symptoms at all but are contagious.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Virtual, Virtually—Get Set Up!

2020 has become for many a year of rapid, sometimes forced, change. Less than three months into the new year, the world we were accustomed to suddenly changed. Our face-to-face social interactions shrunk to our immediate household, workplaces shut down or went virtual and pickup or delivery became our main mode of “dining out.”

As our “new normal” continued, communication methods underwent a transition. Individuals who were already using virtual methods to communicate pre-pandemic started introducing them to nonusers and Boom! just like that, virtual communication exploded and received a new lease on life. Individuals who once thought they would never use that “FaceTime” thing or any of the other apps that would let you “see your caller” suddenly were getting crash courses on how to answer a video call or attend a virtual meeting using Zoom. Almost everyone, regardless of age or expertise had to make the choice to embrace some type of virtual technology if they wanted to safely communicate visually with family and friends outside of their personal bubble.

Over the last few months, communicating virtually has transformed from an occasional method to an almost constant, unwelcome one. Individuals often have multiple virtual contacts a day, bouncing from one virtual contact to another. Newcomers are dealing with issues ranging from learning different platforms; communicating safely online; down to troubleshooting connection problems. This has led some to ask, “Where can I find training?”

The State of Michigan recognized older adults may face a higher rate of social isolation due to COVID and wanted to empower older adults when it comes to using technology. In October, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Aging & Adult Services Agency announced its partnership with GetSetUp, a mission-driven company dedicated to creating economic and learning opportunities for older adults. The partnership creates a new free resource for Michiganders age 60 and over as the state continues to face the pandemic. Nearly 5,000 Michiganders have taken advantage of the free classes on the GetSetUp platform, funded in part from a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

Registration is required. Classes and social hours are offered online and via telephone. To register, visit www.getsetup.io/michigan or call 1-888-559-1614.

In addition to social hours, older Michiganders can access more than 150 free online group classes designed for and led by older adults. Popular classes include how to use a smartphone or tablet, how to use services like video conferencing, Gmail, Facebook, YouTube, as well as virtual social hours.

The latest COVID-19 information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Sandi Rideaux-Miller

COVID-19 TESTING



Please see list of COVID-19 Testing Centers near and around Grandmont Community (this is not an exhaustive list). For more information on where to get tested for COVID-19 please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Hotline at COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, press 1. or visit <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/>.

Historic King Solomon Baptist Church

Neighborhood Site and Walk-up
 6100 14th Street, Detroit, MI 48208
[Website](#)

Appointment strongly encouraged. Schedule your appointment now on the website!

Hours

Thurs – 12:00PM-08:00PM
 Fri – 10:00AM-06:00PM
 Sat—09:00AM-02:00PM

Features

- No-cost
- Tests people without symptoms (asymptomatic)
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals

Guidelines

- Saliva tests for all ages and Nasopharyngeal (NP) tests. No caffeine/alcohol/sugary/acidic foods 24 hr prior. Do not eat/drink/chew gum/tobacco 30 min prior.
- Language and physical access options available.
- No ID required, bring insurance card if using.

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Head Start Building

Neighborhood Site and Walk-up
 14000 W 7 Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48235
[Website](#)

Appointment strongly encouraged. Schedule your appointment now on the website!

Hours

Mon – 11:00AM-05:00PM
 Fri – 09:00AM-04:00PM
 Sat—10:00AM-02:00PM

Features

- No-cost
- Tests people without symptoms (asymptomatic)
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals

Guidelines

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- No ID required, bring insurance card if using.

Triumph Church, Central Campus

Neighborhood Site and Walk-up
 15801 Joy Road, Detroit, MI 48228
[Website](#)

Appointment strongly encouraged. Schedule your appointment now on the website!

Hours

Mon & Fri – 10:00AM-06:00PM
 Wed – 12:00AM-08:00PM

Features

- No-cost
- Tests people without symptoms (asymptomatic)
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals

Guidelines

- Saliva tests for all ages and Nasopharyngeal (NP) tests. No caffeine/alcohol/sugary/acidic foods 24 hr prior. Do not eat/drink/chew gum/tobacco 30 min prior.
- Language and physical access options available.
- No ID required, bring insurance card if using.

American Indian Health and Family Services

FQHC
 4880 Lawndale, Detroit, MI 48210
 (313) 846-6030
[Website](#)

Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed, & Thurs – 09:00AM-05:00PM

Features

- No-cost
- Tests people without symptoms (asymptomatic)
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals

Guidelines

- Insurance accepted.
- All are eligible for testing. Drive-thru testing also available to pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.
- Call the clinic to be triaged for testing and to schedule an appointment.

COVID-19 TESTING



Wayne County Community College District Northwest Campus

Neighborhood Site and Walk-up
[8200 Outer Drive W, Detroit, MI 48219](#)
[Website](#)

Appointment strongly encouraged. Schedule your appointment now on the website!

Hours

Sun – 10:00AM-02:00PM
 Tue – 09:00AM-05:00PM
 Wed—11:00AM-07:00PM

Features

- No-cost
- Tests people without symptoms (asymptomatic)
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals

Guidelines

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- Language and physical access options available.
- No ID required, bring insurance card if using.

Rite Aid Pharmacy—Detroit

Retail Pharmacy
[19150 Wyoming St, Detroit, MI 48221](#)
[Website](#)

Appointment Required

Features

- No-cost
- Tests people without symptoms (asymptomatic)
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals

Guidelines

- Please do not call the store, information about testing will be provided at the end of the online questionnaire.
- Visit the website to fill out the questionnaire to determine if you are eligible for testing. If so, an appointment will be scheduled.



LEARN ABOUT THE NEW, MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT COMING TO GRANDMONT ROSEDALE!

The new, mixed-use development coming to 19505 Grand River is in response to Grandmont Rosedale residents' and business owners' desire for senior housing, another sit-down restaurant and more opportunities for small businesses, and more space for residents to gather. To learn more, check out the recording of the Facebook Live announcement and/or the presentation slides at grandmontrosedale.com.

Grandmont Rosedale residents and business owners are also welcome to submit their comments and questions about the project by dropping GRDC a note at our offices, 19800 Grand River (the mailbox is by the back door in the parking lot).

SUPPORT YOUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



Small businesses have been hit particularly hard during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has never been more important to shop locally. Several of our small businesses have re-opened with safety measures in place. Small business owners are focused on keeping their customers and employees as safe as possible and so have incorporated several safety measures such as social distancing, limited hours, curbside and/or no-contact pick-up, gift card options, and more.

Check out the Community Blog on GRDC's website at grandmontrosedale.com and look for the blog post about how our Grandmont Rosedale business community has adjusted to welcome customers back safely.

Holiday Crime Prevention Safety Factsheet



This factsheet highlights and combines several of the weekly crime prevention tips and lessons learned from crime alerts. Consider using these tips to help plan for a safe holiday season!

Shopping:

- Have your keys ready when approaching your house or vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas and closer to store entrance, when possible;
- Do not carry large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card if possible.
- Take only credit cards you'll use that day.
- Watch out for pickpockets! Try not to carry a purse, put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Beware of con artists try to sell items. If it sounds too good to be true, *it probably is*.
- If you take your children shopping, teach them to go to a police officer or a store security guard if they get separated or lost.
- Be alert when walking to your car or to the store entrance. Avoid talking on your cell phone or texting while walking in large public areas.
- Keep photocopies of both sides of your credit cards in a safe place, as well as the theft or loss-reporting contact information. Having this information ready will lessen the stress, if your credit cards are lost or stolen.

Safety Tips for the Home:

- Be sure to hide any gifts that may be left in the house while you are away
- Turn on a radio or the TV so that it "sounds" like someone is home.
- Do not place packages or gifts near windows or in other visible places.
- Set an automatic timer for your lights, different times & in several locations
- Lock all doors and windows when leaving, even if you plan to be away for a moment.
- Keep in mind that burglars look for occupancy cues like lights burning for 24 hours; piled-up newspapers, mail, or advertising flyers hanging on the doors or porch.
- Don't put your family name on your mailbox or doormat. A burglar can call directory assistance to get your telephone number to confirm that you are away.

Ask Neighbors For Help:

- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home when you're away. Offer to return the favor or hire someone to help keep your home looking occupied. Make sure to ask them to shovel the walk ways, pick up newspapers, collect mail, and park in the driveway occasionally.
- Burglars look for the hidden keys near home entrances. Instead of hiding your keys, give the spare key to a trusted neighbor.

Holiday Crime Prevention Safety Factsheet



HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY



Selecting a Christmas tree:

- Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree is freshly cut.
- The trunk should be sticky to the touch.
- Dry, old trees usually have needles that easily fall off and are a fire hazard.

Caring for tree:

- Keep away from any heat source.
- Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near tree.
- Do not put tree up too early or too long.
- Keep hydrated by filling tree stand with water.
- Cut off about two inches of trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption.

Disposing of tree properly:

- Never put tree branches or needles in fireplace or stove.
- Discard a dry tree promptly; check for recycling options or DPW pick-up schedule online: www.detroitmi.gov

Use only nonflammable holiday decorations:

- Decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant.
- Place away from heat vents.

Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace:

- Can result in a large chimney fire.

Artificial Christmas trees:

- Make sure it is flame-retardant.

Avoid using lit candles:

- If you do use candles, make sure they're in suitable holders. Battery operated candles are highly recommended.
- Do not leave the house with candles burning.
- Do not go near the Christmas tree with an open flame.

Maintaining holiday lights:

- Always inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in insulation, broken or cracked sockets, etc. before putting them up.
- Only use lights listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do not overload electrical outlets:

- Do not link more than three light strands, unless directions indicate it is safe.
- Connect strings to an extension cord before plugging into outlet.
- Make sure wires do not become hot to the touch.

Smoke Alarms:

- Have working alarms on every level of your home, also a carbon monoxide detector is recommended.
- Test monthly and keep them equipped with fresh batteries.
- Keep clean.



Be a good neighbor! Pack your bulk and yard waste properly!

The Department of Public Works would like to remind residents to follow the city's guidelines regarding yard waste, bulk collection and illegal dumping. Residents must adhere to the following guidelines to ensure your collection will be picked up on your scheduled pickup date and to **prevent being ticketed**:

Yard Waste:

- Residents must place grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs that are no more than two inches in diameter in biodegradable paper bags on bi-weekly scheduled bulk collection day
- Branches and twigs that are up to four feet in length and no more than four inches in diameter, should be bundled and tied securely and placed at the curb (Note: individual bundles should not weigh more than 60 pounds)
- When placing bagged yard waste at the curb, it must be at least six feet from the trash container or in a personal garbage clearly labeled "yard waste" on two sides of the container
- **Yard waste will not be picked up in plastic bags**

Bulk Collection:

- Bulk items should be no more than 1,000 pounds or exceed one cubic yard in volume
- Examples of bulk items include: Furniture, appliances, air conditioners, hot water tanks, carpeting, mattresses, large toys, etc.
- Remove doors from appliances before setting out for bulk collection
- These items are NOT considered bulk items: remodeling or construction debris, household hazardous waste, flammables, explosives, paint, batteries, hazardous or medical wastes, fuel, oil, needles, radioactive materials, chemicals, etc.
- DO NOT place bulk items in front of vacant lots or homes.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is not tolerated in the City of Detroit. If you are caught illegal dumping, you will be ticketed. To report illegal dumping, please use the Improve Detroit mobile app.

DPW Paid Pickup

Did you know DPW provides affordable curbside pickup for any bulk and yard waste items that may exceed the city's collection limits? Call [313-876-0004](tel:313-876-0004) to request a quote today.

Thank you for doing your part in being a good neighbor and keeping our city clean and beautiful. For any additional information and to view a map of collection schedules, please visit www.detroitmi.gov/dpw.

LAST DAY FOR YARD WASTE-BRANCH PICKUP



It was just verified by the City DPW that the last day for City Yard Waste/Branch Pick-up is Monday, December 28, 2020.

For GCA/Grandmont Community's regular Friday pick-up date, that means **OUR last Yard Waste Collection will be Saturday, December 26, 2020*** (Day later - due to Christmas Holiday).

Note: Plastic Bags will not be collected, only paper yard waste bags or metal containers clearly marked as "yard waste" are picked up by the City.

Also, **Waste Management** Company purchased Advanced Disposal Company. No changes to our west side Detroit collection is scheduled at this time.

Yard Waste Collection will resume in mid April, 2021. Bulk and Recycle pick-up together continues on our regular every other week Friday schedule.

Everything = (Garbage, Bulk, Recycling & Yard Waste)

Friday, **Dec 11** and Saturday, **Dec 26***

2021 Schedule

Garbage = **Sat, Jan 2*** (Holiday Delay) and **Every Friday.**

Everything = Garbage, Bulk, & Recycling

Friday, **Jan. 8** and Friday, **Jan. 22**

Friday, **Feb. 5** and Friday, **Feb. 19**

Friday, **Mar. 5** and Friday, **Mar. 19**

Diane Patterson

YARD WASTE

Annual Membership Dues

Just imagine you are a contestant on Jeopardy. The theme music is playing in the background and you are the first to hit the buzzer - "Neighbors, I'll take GCA for \$30 - Q: Provides critical services for the Grandmont Community - A: What is GCA Membership Dues?" Imagine the response from family, friends and neighbors, excitedly cheering you on all the way to the final jeopardy round and ultimate win.

Now imagine instead of being a contestant on Jeopardy, you are leading your community in the best win of all - payment of annual membership dues which maintains the essence and vitality of our neighborhood. "Neighbors, I'll take GCA for \$30 - Q: Covers services like snow removal, security, neighborhood beautification and college scholarships - A: What is GCA Membership Dues - \$30 annually, except for residents living in the Southfield and Longacre apartments who pay \$10 annually.

Unlike Jeopardy champions who end up winning big and stepping into fame, unless each of the Grandmont households respond to the final Jeopardy question and pay our annual [GCA Membership Dues](#), our community loses many of the great services and initiatives that attracts new neighbors and businesses into Grandmont, the "Home of Good Neighbors".

Here are some of the services and/or initiatives covered by the dues collected.

- ⇒ Snow Removal
- ⇒ College Scholarships
- ⇒ Art & Crafts Fair
- ⇒ Safety Patrol
- ⇒ Annual Business & Dinner
- ⇒ Community Newsletter (Online & Printed)

Street Parking

As a friendly reminder, in order for the Street Snow Removal Service to be more effective, the street should be clear of vehicles, bulk items and Courville containers. Parking in your driveway or garage will greatly assist in the effort to have streets entirely free of snow and can also increase your personal safety and vehicle security. Happy Holidays!

D. Patterson

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:

2019 _____ 2021 _____
2020 _____ 2022 _____

Additional Donation _____

Please mail with check or money order for **\$30.00** 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)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <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"/> Grandmont Radio Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Property Task Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRANDMONITOR Newsletter | |

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE WITH PAYPAL:

Go to <https://www.grandmontcommunity.org/committees/membership.html>.

Pay for current, past or future memberships using Discover, Visa, Mastercard, or American Express through PayPal. The shopping cart will open in a separate window.
**Please note there is a \$2.00 convenience fee to pay online.

If you wish to pay for multiple years, please:

Dues Year
2021... \$30.00 USD

Select the **Year** from the drop-down menu

1. Click **Add to Cart**
2. Add additional information regarding the order in the text box, e.g.: someone else is paying for your membership with their PayPal account or credit card. The person paying will need to enter your name and your address in the details line.
3. When you have finished adding the years, click **View Cart** to go to the PayPal site to check out.



Grandmont Community Association

GRANDMONITOR ADVERTISING REQUEST FORM

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Date of Application: _____
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 Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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ALL ADS ARE APPLICABLE TO ADVANCE PAYMENT IN FULL. (CIRCLE PAYMENT BELOW).

Ad Size (Circle one)	1-Month	3-Months	Yearly Subscription
Full page	\$140.00	\$375.00	\$1,425.00
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Quarter page	\$38.00	\$100.00	\$360.00
Eighth page (business card size)	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$180.00

Office Use Only:
 Date Rec'd: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____

BUSINESS POP-UP DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE

AD Size: _____ Subscription Plan: _____ Cost: _____

SUBMIT AD REQUEST FORM:

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS BELOW:

- * Fax or phone: **313-273-7914**
- * E-mail: philipfoster@sbcglobal.net
 Philip Foster, Ad Manager

All new ads must be submitted by the 12th of each month prior to publication.

** Note: Please make checks payable to: **GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

DISTRICT 1 WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER...

<https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2020-01/District%201%20Winter%202020%20Newsletter.pdf>

FIND YOUR WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE...

<https://detroitmi.gov/webapp/find-your-waste-pickup-schedule>

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January 2021

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DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 	2	3	4	5 10AM—GCA Community Board Meeting - Zoom, Grandmont Community Facebook Page
6	7 7PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting—Zoom	8	9	10 	11  HANUKKAH	12  RECYCLE PICKUP
13	14 Bulk Pickup & Yard Waste	15	16	17	18	19
20 	21  WINTER BEGINS	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25  Christmas Day	26  KWANZAA BEGINS RECYCLE PICKUP Bulk Pickup & Yard Waste
27	28	29 	30	31  NEW YEARS EVE		
GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING ZOOM, LINK IS ON GCA FACEBOOK PAGE ~ SAT., JANUARY 9, 2021~10 AM		JANUARY MEETINGS 2021		GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE ~ Date/Time ~ TBD		
GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING ZOOM ~ MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021~7 PM				8TH PCT. POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: Location & Date/Time ~ TBD		