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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.

IMPORTANT LINKS

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[HTTPS://WWW.GRANDMONTCOMMUNITY.ORG/](https://www.grandmontcommunity.org/)

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Join us for

Grandmont's Annual Business, Social & Dinner Meeting

held

Saturday, June 26, 2021 @ 1:00 pm
at

Ramsay Park

~Located on Longacre between Grand River and Ray Monnier
Adjacent to the Edison School playground~

This will be a socially distanced event held outdoors
so dress comfortably & please wear a mask.

For your convenience, GCA member dues can be paid at this event
(\$30 per year or \$10 for Southfield & Longacre apartments)

The cost of dinner is \$7 for members and \$10 for guests.

In order to arrange for sufficient seating and dinner,
please RSVP by June 12th to Board member
Ethel Smith (313) 864-3666 or Kris Thurmond (313) 300-3760



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Auto-theft Tips	Text "TIP411" (847411) or Call 800-242-HEAT (4238)
Narcotic Tips	Call 313-224-DOPE (3673)
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Animal Care & Control Hotline	313-922-DOGS(3647) Staff hours 7 days a week 10:30am-3:30pm—Call center till 7PM
D1 Animal Control Investigator	313-590-7509
Ameer Clark	
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Grandmont Community Meetings
- all are welcome -

June 5 Sept. 4 Dec. 4
July 10 Oct. 2
Aug. 7 Nov. 6

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



**Mark Your
2021
Calendars!**

Grandmont Patrol Meetings

June 7 Sept. 6 Dec. 6
July 5 Oct. 4
Aug. 2 Nov. 1

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted, at GRDC, 19800 Grand River.

Meetings

Grandmont Youth & Education Meeting

June 19 Sept. 18 Dec. 18
July 17 Oct. 16
Aug. 21 Nov. 20

If you are interested in attending a Grandmont Youth & Education meeting, contact Carla Smith, (313) 220-8530 and a Microsoft Teams link will be emailed to

**8th Pct. Police
Community Relations
Meeting**

Meetings are held the last Monday of the month except June-August.

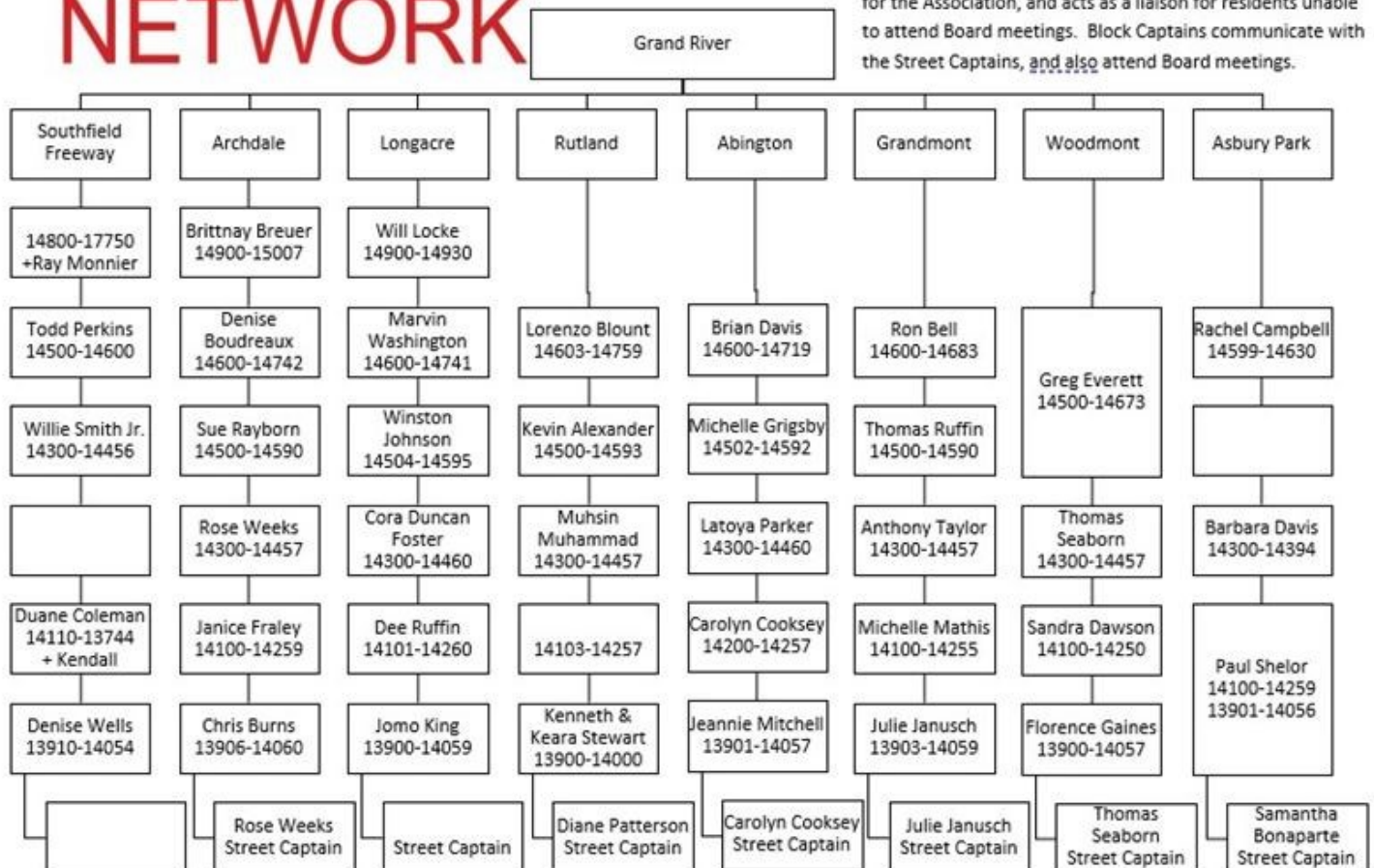
**Beautification & Garden Club
Committee Meeting**

June 8 Aug. 10
July 13 Sept. 14

Please join the Beautification & Garden Club Committee at any of our upcoming meetings for 2021. Contact Larissa@GrandmontCommunity.org for more information.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
NETWORK

The Block Captain Team is the backbone of the Grandmont Community Association. There is one on each block. The Block Captain delivers the monthly neighborhood newsletter, The Grandmonitor, welcomes new neighbors, collects dues for the Association, and acts as a liaison for residents unable to attend Board meetings. Block Captains communicate with the Street Captains, and also attend Board meetings.



Street/Block Captain Chair: Ethel Smith (313) 864-3666, Assistant Yvonne Sanders (313) 273-4480

**Grandmont Community Association
YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Presents

**READING IN
RAMSAY PARK**



**Saturday, June 5th, 2021
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

located inside Ramsay Park on Longacre St. between Grand River
and Ray Monnier, 2 blocks East of Southfield Freeway

Bring a chair, bring a blanket and find a socially distant spot in the park to READ!

BOOK AND GIFT BAG GIVEAWAY *(While supplies last)*
FREE MASK GIVEAWAY!
GIFT RAFFLE! *(Must be present to win)*

Grandmont Rosedale Communities – All Are Welcome!

Regardless of vaccination status, all participants are required to wear a mask (and other protective equipment, like face shields and gloves) and stay 6 feet apart from others who do not live with you.



**To RSVP and for more event information,
Contact Carla White-Smith (313) 220-8530
or email: Carla515@hotmail.com**



"books for kids"

45 E. Milwaukee Ave., Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 972-1400





Board Elections

Vote for your Grandmont Community Association Board! This is an opportunity for residents to be engaged and participate in the process for electing our neighbors to serve and help better our community.

Vote for the next two-year term for the GCA Board at the Grandmont Annual Business, Social & Dinner Meeting, Saturday, June 26, 2021 @ 1 pm, Ramsay Park (Longacre and Ray Monnier).

(Friendly Reminder, you must be a GCA resident and member to vote.)

GCA Board Candidacy

If you have any questions or are interested in running for the GCA Board, please contact the Grandmont Community Association at GrandmontCommunityAssociation@gmail.com or 313-614-4910.

Meet the BOARD CANDIDATES



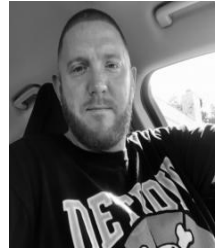
Samantha Bonaparte originally hails from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but has lived in Detroit since 2013. She fell in love with the city during her two-year commitment to teaching in the city through Teach for America and decided to make it home. She moved onto Asbury Park in December 2018 and is thrilled to be getting involved in Grandmont's community activities.

Samantha is a first-grade teacher at Regent Park Scholars Academy. When she's not teaching young minds, she can be found running through the neighborhood, biking, gardening, watching movies, reading, and enjoying the city with her friends. She currently serves on the board as Secretary, and is a member of the Beautification and Garden Club Committee and Scholarship Committee. She is also the Street Captain for Asbury Park and runs the social media accounts for the GCA.



My name is **Larissa Richardson** and I am running for the Grandmont Community Association Board (again!). My family and I have been a residents of Grandmont for nearly 6 years. I have served on the GCA board since 2018 and as the Vice President since summer last year. I have also had the pleasure of serving as Grandmont Community Association's

Beautification & Garden Committee Chair. As such, I've helped to organize a number of community cleanup events, installations of plantings across the community and have worked tirelessly with my fellow board members to maintain the beauty and integrity of our community. I hope that you will consider re-electing me to the board to continue serving our amazing community!



My name is **Sean Novak**. I am seeking re-election for my second term to serve our neighborhood as a board member with the Grandmont Community Association. Shortly after being elected to the board I was nominated as the secretary where I served for approximately two years. In addition to this I

have served in a supportive capacity to the Vacant Property Task Force. From December 2020 to April 2021, I hosted a weekly gathering known as the Grandmont Community Social Hour. My dedication to our community is an expression of gratitude for what Detroit has given me through the years to make me who I am today. That dedication to Detroit and Grandmont comes from my faith, my roots, and my chosen path. I will continue to amplify the greatness that is Grandmont to the rest of our brothers and sisters here in Detroit and afar.



My name is **Krystal Thurmond**. I am a resident of our great community, Grandmont. I am currently a Board member and have been actively involved for years with the Art Fair, Radio Patrol, the *Grandmonitor*, Social Planning, etc.



My name is **Joyce Tatum**. I've been in the community for 7 years. I reside on Woodmont Avenue. The history, community and safety drew me to this neighborhood. There aren't many communities that take pride in their neighborhood as Grandmont! I want to applaud everyone of you!!! I am president of the Radio Patrol Grandmont #4 and GCA Safety and Security chairperson.

I am currently training for the Citizens Police Academy, serve on the parents fundraising committee at GESU Catholic School and volunteer at Forgotten Harvest with the mobile food pantry. Volunteering is my passion. My Vision is to keep Grandmont Community Association, "The Home of Good Neighbors" Safe and Secure!!!

ELECTION
2021

GCA BOARD MEETING

May Meeting Recap!

- ✓ After meeting, Beautification Committee hosted a clean up and planting at Ramsey Park.
- ✓ -Scholarship Committee will not be having a recipient this year, but hopes to have a candidate for 2022.
- ✓ -Discussed plans for the Movie in the Park on Saturday, May 22 at 8:30 pm and the Annual Business and Dinner meeting on Saturday, June 26 at 1 pm.
- ✓ -Youth and Education shared their plans for Reading in the Park Event on June 5.
- ✓ -Organizers of all events are seeking volunteers to help!

COMMUNICATION CONNECTIONS!

Whether you're young or old, it is clear that this past year we are connecting through screens more and more. While we love the face to face interactions and cannot wait to be able to connect and socialize in person safely, it is great to stay connected virtually! These are ways to find out about our monthly board meetings, know about events and generally just stay in the know.

Did you know that Grandmont Community Association has a Facebook page? This is a new page, so if you've previously followed another page, please come over and give the new one a follow! Samantha Bonaparte, GCA Secretary, runs the page and is always looking for information to share. If you have information to share about an event or just a neat photo of our beautiful neighborhood, you can share it with Samantha at samantha.a.bonaparte@gmail.com!

We know you love Grandmont, so give us a "like" here:
<https://www.facebook.com/GrandmontCommunityAssociation>

Did you know that there is an email listserv for the Grandmont Neighborhood? This is a handy way to get email information about events and news you need for the Grandmont neighborhood and the 4 other neighborhoods that make up GRDC! You can subscribe here: <https://groups.google.com/g/grandmont-information-network/about>

Did you know that there's an app called NextDoor you can connect with neighbors to get recommendations for services, connect over hobbies and maybe even help finding a lost dog? NextDoor is great because you know you're interacting with neighbors but your exact address is secure unless you're in the same neighborhood. Find out how to join here: [How to join Nextdoor](#)

You can connect with any of these to stay in the loop. We hope you'll consider logging on and engaging with us virtually!

~Samantha Bonaparte

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Grandmont Community Association Needs Street and Block Captains



The Block Captain Team is the backbone of the Grandmont Community Association. There is one on each block. The Block Captain delivers the monthly neighborhood newsletter, the Grandmonitor, welcomes new neighbors, collects dues for the Association, and acts as a liaison for residents unable to attend Board meetings. Block Captains communicate with the Street Captains, and also attend Board meetings. The Street Captain assists and delivers the Grandmonitor to the Block Captain. The streets that need a Street or Block Captain are listed below.

- Southfield Service Drive - Street & Block Captain
- Longacre - Street & Block Captain
- Rutland - Block Captain
- Asbury Park - Block Captain

The volunteer does not have to live on the street that they are the Street or Block Captain. Don't forget that walking delivering the Grandmonitor is great exercise! Also, a volunteer is needed for Grandmonitor pickup. We need you! Please volunteer by phoning Ethel Smith at (313) 864-3666 or Yvonne Sanders (313) 273-4480.

MUNCHIE'S WISDOM



From Alan Cohen's book entitled 'Are You As Happy As Your Dog', Cohen has gained a few life lessons! I decided to pull out another 'lesson' learned from him studying his dog, Munchie's attitude to see what Munchie was doing that he was missing.

Munchie's 'lesson' this time: 'ENTERTAIN YOURSELF'

I think this is especially appropriate for the times now. During this pandemic, some people are screaming that they're bored !@#\$\$%^ WHATTTTT!!!! That's probably because they are borinnngg. There's still lots to do.

The author says, "When I am not at home, Munchie finds plenty of amusements. He chases cats, sniffs dead frogs, names and visits neighbors." The world, through Munchie's eyes is a big playground. There is always someone or something to keep his life exciting.

Munchie doesn't need an excuse to have fun. Everything is an invitation to play. He doesn't divide life up into work and play—he finds joy wherever he is. That's definitely a tip many can take from Munchie!

Submitted by K. Thurmond



PORCH LIGHT COLORS—WHAT THEY MEAN

Lighting and color influence our day-to-day functioning and wellbeing. By understanding the impact of different light colors, we can create more welcoming spaces. Your porch light color can play an important role in conveying a message or influencing your mood. While most people typically use a soft white color for their outdoor lighting, that's not your only color option. Depending on the mood you want to create, you have many other choices.

Choosing a **blue light** can either mean autism awareness or honoring police officers. Veterans Day is honored every November 11th by the US residents. It is on this day that you'll often see your neighbors turning their green porch lights on. Some may even keep their lights to represent St. Patrick's Day and Lime Disease Awareness.

Some people may turn their porch light red a couple of times a year depending on the occasion. In October, for example, **red porch lights** represent Halloween, while in February; those who celebrate St. Valentine's Day will often opt for red porch lights. This color is also associated with American Heart Health.

Another porch light color that you may have come across is **purple**. This color represents Domestic Violence Awareness. Since 2007, the Domestic Violence Task Force ran a campaign to raise awareness about domestic violence. This campaign was called Purple Late Nights.

When combining **blue and green** for your porch lighting, you are conveying the message of veteran recognition by valuing them as members of your community. This color combination is intended to spark conversation with regards to this subject.

Submitted by Cora A. Duncan-Foster

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The GCA Scholarship Committee decided to not have a scholarship recipient this year. The pandemic made it difficult for recipients, as well as their parent(s) to complete the ten (10) hour volunteer requirement.

Submitted by Cora A. Duncan-Foster

RIPPLING HOPE

Rev. Carl E. Zerweck, Executive Rippling Hope Director, works with 70 Block Club/Neighborhood Association. Thirty-four of the seventy still have residents to be serviced. Out of the seventy, we have 18 residents that need the free home repair. Of course, the 2020 Year Pandemic had stopped the travel of the volunteers to Detroit. Rippling Hope has just three volunteer groups confirmed to arrive here in June. Hopefully, the groups will come and our residents can be serviced.

Written by Cora Duncan-Foster
GCA Rippling Hope Chair

VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

Some good news to share. The Detroit Land Bank is rehabbing a long-time vacant house on Archdale. I've been told this will be a "Rehab & Ready" renovation which means this house should be available for sale at market price when all the improvements have been made.

More good news is the house bought by GRDC in 2019 also on Archdale has been completely renovated, landscaped, and available for sale. To those neighbors on the block, this is welcome news. The Archdale house was in very poor condition with some unexpected costly surprises. Their home renovations are now an inspiration to others to improve our properties and be proud of where you live – in the Grandmont Community. Thank you Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC).

The "not so good" news is that it's a long process with continuous challenges to remedy some years' long vacant properties and encourage absentee owners to make necessary repairs or sell these homes to those who can. Discussions with D1 Councilman James Tate, our D1 Neighborhood Liaisons Karla Williamson and Kya Robertson, and the Land Bank attorney's for Nuisance Abatement, are all part of many days work. We are also reporting these neglected homes on Improve Detroit and to BSEED, the City Building & Safety division, etc., and communicating through GRDC.



Often, neighbors will take care of some basic maintenance issues at neighboring vacant homes (lawn cutting, etc.) and to those neighbors a big THANK YOU is in order. Your kind and generous actions are truly appreciated and often unrecognized. The Catch 22 issue with that frustrates the inspection process when homes are determined to be in compliance. Tickets aren't issued, and the owner is not held accountable. To be clear, we would always prefer to have the property owner maintain their property, keep it clean and in good repair, rather than have tickets issued.

Sometimes, however, that's our last resort to get the owner to accept their responsibilities or, in extreme cases, perhaps lose their property by legal City action. Unfortunately, all streets in our neighborhood are represented on our list of neglected homes. We are optimistic, however, that the list is small, and in our quest to keep our neighborhood attractive, respected, and the Home of Good Neighbors, we have an abundance of caring neighbors who are continuously working as a Community to keep Grandmont a viable, safe and welcoming neighborhood. And that's very good news!

Submitted by Diane Patterson

If you are more fortunate than others, it's better to build a L O N G E R Table than a TALLER Fence.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH!

Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes after.

Laughter boosts the immune system. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease.

Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body’s natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain.

Laughter protects the heart. Laughter improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect you against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

Laughter burns calories. Okay, so it’s no replacement for going to the gym, but one study found that laughing for 10 to 15 minutes a day can burn approximately 40 calories—which could be enough to lose three or four pounds over the course of a year.

Laughter lightens anger’s heavy load. Nothing diffuses anger and conflict faster than a shared laugh. Looking at the funny side can put problems into perspective and enable you to move on from confrontations without holding onto bitterness or resentment.

Laughter may even help you to live longer. A study in Norway found that people with a strong sense of humor outlived those who don’t laugh as much. The difference was particularly notable for those battling cancer.

Physical health benefits

- Boosts immunity
- Lowers stress hormones
- Decreases pain
- Relaxes your muscles
- Prevents heart disease

Mental health benefits

- Adds joy and zest to life
- Eases anxiety and tension
- Relieves stress
- Improves mood
- Strengthens resilience

Social benefits

- Strengthens relationships
- Attracts others to us
- Enhances teamwork
- Helps defuse conflict
- Promotes group bonding

LAUGHTER HELPS YOU STAY MENTALLY HEALTHY

Laughter makes you feel good. And this positive feeling remains with you even after the laughter subsides. Humor helps you keep a positive, optimistic outlook through difficult situations, disappointments, and loss.

More than just a respite from sadness and pain, laughter gives you the courage and strength to find new sources of meaning and hope. Even in the most difficult of times, a laugh—or even simply a smile—can go a long way toward making you feel better. And laughter really is contagious—just hearing laughter primes your brain and readies you to smile and join in the fun.

The link between laughter and mental health

Laughter stops distressing emotions. You can’t feel anxious, angry, or sad when you’re laughing.

Laughter helps you relax and recharge. It reduces stress and increases energy, enabling you to stay focused and accomplish more.

Submitted by Cora Duncan-Foster



ROSEDALE SOCCER LEAGUE IS A CO-ED RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE FOR KIDS AGES 4 -17

**SEASON BEGINS AUGUST 14, 2021
SEASON ENDS OCTOBER 9, 2021**

**GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS
AT NORTH ROSEDALE PARK
18445 SCARSDALE STREET
DETROIT, MI 48223**

To Register and for additional information please visit our website at www.rosedalesoccerleague.org

Contact Stacie Harris at 313-405-3314 for additional information.

JUNE: THE DAYS GET HOTTER...

The nights get longer! On those steamy, HOT days, it's good to remember you can have a FREE City Tree planted on the area between your sidewalk and the street, and/or your corner lot berm area, by calling our Tree Planting Manager at 313-224-6391 or emailing her at squallsa@detroitmi.gov. While some people think trees are a nuisance (or make more work), it's good to remember that the benefits of trees far outweigh any negative aspects. Trees keep homes cool in the summer and can reduce energy costs by as much as 30%. Property values increase on streets with trees. Safer & healthier communities benefit by trees removing harmful pollution from the air, as well as reducing rainwater runoff and flooding. Trees reduce noise and add beauty and needed shade to keep cool - and sometimes curb tempers on those hot, sweltering days when summer madness takes hold!

On those LONGER nights, good neighbors are considerate neighbors. Those long summer nights can present another set of challenges to the quiet, peaceful sanctuary of our homes and the community expectations we deserve. When celebrating summer events with family and friends be mindful of your neighbors' right to quiet times, and a good night sleep. People work different shifts, children need down-time, and if you're just plain sick or tired, you won't want to hear the loud music (which usually translates to "Thump, Thump, Thump" in your head) from a nearby party, especially after 11:30pm. Don't be that rude, unkind, and thoughtless neighbor. And please don't engage a DJ for your event. A rented hall is just the spot for that. There is an enforceable noise ordinance with a steep fine that should be avoidable with cooperation and common courtesy.

ENVIRONMENTAL REMINDER. The fire ordinance for the City of Detroit prohibits front porch barbecuing or cooking. The Detroit City Council in 2017 amended the outdoor fire code unanimously, to prohibit "Outdoor Cooking" under a roof or enclosed area, which will include a front porch. The ordinance states front porch grilling is unsafe and creates unnecessary risks. In Wayne County, there is a 10-15 foot minimum distance from a structure. Open fires, including barrel fires, are not permitted in Wayne County. Smoke fumes are not healthy and are irritants.

The Detroit Ordinance States grills or outdoor cooking devices are permitted ONLY in the side yard or backyard of a home and must be at least 10 feet from a property line or fixed flammable object. This is the year to clear the clutter and rediscover your backyard and grill in safer and more relaxing surroundings.

D.Patterson

SUGGESTIONS/ARTICLES WANTED!

Have suggestions or ideas for future articles? Have an article to include in the Grandmonitor? Please submit them to the editor, via email at SMILLER@GRANDMONTCOMMUNITY.ORG.



MOTOR CITY MAKEOVER 2021

Grandmont Spring Planting & Cleanup Event, Huge Success!

A very special and BIG thank you to over 30 volunteers who participated in our Spring Beautification and Cleanup at Ramsay Park which coincided with Motor City Makeover on Saturday, May 1st. We had a fantastic event with families and friends from across the Grandmont Community picking up debris, raking leaves, planting flowers and more. Thank you to Congresswoman Tlaib and Councilman Tate for joining us as well!

We are truly appreciative to our amazing Grandmont neighbors and friends for making the cleanup successful and for helping keep Grandmont Beautiful! Stay tuned for more beautification projects happening this year! To view all of the wonderful images from that day, please go to our website.



CITY OF DETROIT
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

DISTRICT 1 Virtual Meeting

Residents of
District 1 can tune
in for our virtual
meetings.

All meetings
begin at
5:30 p.m. and
end promptly
at 6:30 p.m.

District 1 Monthly Community Meeting

4th Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

May 27
June 24
July 22

Join via Conference Call
CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER
(312) 626-6799 • (267) 831-0333
MEETING ID #: 929-4557-2636

Join via Zoom video
<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/92945572636>
MEETING ID #: 929-4557-2636

For more
information, contact
District Manager
Kazla Williamson at
(313) 236-3484 or
Deputy Manager
Kya Robertson at
(313) 236-3475

NEIGHBORHOOD TIDBITS

Northwest Detroit farmers' market

The 16th season of the Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market will start on Thursday, June 3rd! The Market will again take place every Thursday through early October in the parking lot at the North

Rosedale park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Follow the Market on Facebook and Instagram to learn the latest:

(<https://www.facebook.com/nwdetroitfarmersmarket/>)
(<https://www.instagram.com/nwdetroitfarmersmarket/>)

JUNE DAY

Saturday, June 12

Please join us on Saturday, June 12 for a pandemic edition of June Day! We've preserved some favorite elements of North Rosedale Park's signature summer kick-off event, and added precautions to lower the risk of COVID transmission – which unfortunately remains a threat to our community.

Put on a mask for Run for the Roses at a 9 a.m., then return to the community house in your car with the kids for a "summer fun kit" giveaway provided by our sponsor, TCF Bank, as well as a book giveaway from Detroit Public Library! Participants must stay in their cars at all times, and wear masks. Volunteers will be issued a health screening and will wear masks and gloves. The summer fun kits will be passed through a vehicle window. At dusk (approx. 9:15 p.m.), join us on the park grounds for a free family movie night! Bring a chair or blanket, wear masks, and we ask that groups remain six feet apart.

Thank you for your flexibility as we modify our celebrations to keep one another safe.

GRDC SPRING BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, June 19



GRDC is teaming up with District One and Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC) for the Spring Block Party on Saturday, June 19 from 10 am – 3 pm. The Spring Block Party be an outdoor event featuring several Grandmont

Rosedale small businesses along Grand River. There will be food trucks, outdoor pop-up spots, activities, and more! Come on out and support your Grandmont Rosedale small business community!

Note: Limit of 4 boxes

On-site shredding of sensitive documents: tax, legal, medical, etc.

Paper Shredding only

10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Saturday June 19, 2021

Location: Christ the King Church parking lot
South of McNichols & north of Grand River Avenue on Pierson
More info: 313-938-1133 or email weber@igc.org

4 box limit. Hints on how to reduce size of your shredding:
Magazine/catalogs: labels/covers only
Junk mail: personal information only.

Rosedale Recycles
More info: 313-938-1133 or email weber@igc.org

Rosedale 60 Block Yard Sale Returns on Saturday, June 26

RAIN DATE: Sunday, June 27, 9 am – 3 pm

After taking a break during the 2020 pandemic, the Rosedale 60-Block Yard Sale returns this year on Saturday, June 26*. "We believe the yard sale can go forward safely this year, as long as people exercise caution, wear masks, stay socially distanced, and are outdoors," said RPIA President Kimberly Uhuru. Since we did not hold a sale last year, there is likely to be a bumper crop of goods to sell this year, so spread the word to your friends and neighbors – the Rosedale 60-block sale is BACK! Come shop till you drop!

The sale runs from 9:00 a.m. 'til 3:00 p.m. Residents who choose to participate are encouraged to wear masks at all times and to provide hand sanitizer for use by their shoppers.

Residents are also reminded to price their items to sell – "You're not funding your 401K! Plus, you don't want to have to put stuff back into your garage or basement, so sharpen your pencil and make those prices low-low-low!" commented longtime Rosedale resident and veteran yard sale participant Jim Dwight.

For questions or more information, contact RPIA President Kimberly Uhuru, kuhuru@gmail.com.

Annual Membership Dues

Annual [GCA Membership Dues](#) covers many of the great services and initiatives that attracts new neighbors and businesses into our community and a reason many of us choose to remain. Our community is a “Detroit” gem and we need the participation of every resident to have it remain that way, so if you haven’t already, please take a moment to pay your dues.

As a reminder, some of the services and/or initiatives covered by the dues collected include:

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Garbage Ordinance

You could face a steep fine for leaving your garbage container out on the street after a scheduled pickup? Your container also must be placed in the rear of your home – not in view. As a courtesy, please be a thoughtful neighbor. People don’t need to - or want to - see your untidy garbage. Garbage should also always be bagged and secured to help keep rodents away and spilled litter to a minimum:

ORDINANCE: Section 22-2-45. Time limits for approved containers to remain at curb side.

“Properly stored domestic solid waste shall be collected by the Department of Public Works. Owners and/or occupants of residential structures who receive curbside collection shall place approved containers on a berm area not earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection and shall remove the same not later than 9:00 p.m. on the day of collection.”

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION of the above Ordinance

VIOLATION of Section 22-2-45 of this Code (above) is a BLIGHT VIOLATION and is subject to a fine:

\$200 for the first offense; \$300 for the second offense; \$500 for the third offense, & \$1,000 for the fourth or subsequent offense. In addition, “Each day on which any violation of Section 22-2-45 of this Code continues constitutes a separate offense and shall be subject to civil fines as a separate offense.”

Please note: if you are a handicapped senior, and need help taking your container to the street and removing it, you can request a Special Hardship Request to DPW and the City may arrange for workers to help with this service. Restrictions apply. Asking a trusted neighbor might also be a helpful resource for you!

Grandmont Community Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME(S): _____

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PLEASE ADD MY EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY RESOURCES:
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NUMBER OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD ___

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2020 _____ 2022 _____

Additional Donation _____

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P.O. Box 27790, Detroit, MI 48227

I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FOLLOWING GCA COMMITTEES: (COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2 OF GRANDMONITOR)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
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| <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:

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Select the Year from the drop-down menu

1. Click **Add to Cart**
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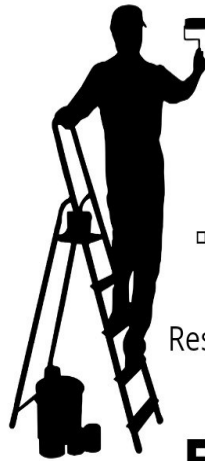
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JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 10AM—GCA Community Board Meeting - Zoom 11AM-Reading in the Park
6	7 6PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting—Zoom	8	9	10	11 RECYCLE\YARD WASTE\BULK PICKUP 	12
13	14	15 Beautification & Garden Club Meeting	16	17	18	19 10AM-2PM-Shredding at Christ the King Church 11AM-Grandmont Youth & Education Meeting
20	21	22	23	24 5:30-DISTRICT 1 MEETING	25 RECYCLE\YARD WASTE\BULK PICKUP 	26 1PM-GCA Annual Meeting at Ramsay Park GCA Board Elections
27	28	29	30			
GRANDMONT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING ZOOM, LINK IS ON GCA FACEBOOK PAGE ~ SAT., JULY 10, 2021~10AM GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING ZOOM ~ MONDAY, JULY 7, 2021~6PM			JULY MEETINGS 2021		GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE ~ Date/Time ~ TBD 8TH PCT. POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: NO MEETINGS HELD JUNE-AUGUST	