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SEP 9, 2017* DEC 2, 2017
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(Meetings at 1 PM after the community meeting on the following dates)

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GRANDMONT WELCOMES DPD's 8th PCT. TO THEIR NEW HOME!

welve years ago, the Detroit Police Department decided to combine precincts into districts in order to save money. At the time, Grandmont was in the 6th precinct. It was combined with the 8th precinct previously on the corner of Grand River and W. McNichols across from the now demolished Redford High School. Both of those locations are now home to several relatively new retail business developments that have been well-received by residents in the northwest Detroit area.

After Chief Craig was hired, he reorganized the department and drew different precinct boundaries. Grandmont was moved from the 6th to the 8th precinct. The 8th precinct boundary was formerly Fenkell, now it is Schoolcraft. With gentrification and the city's population shift, the 8th precinct has the most city residents.



(L-R) Pres. M. Muhammad I, D. Wood, R Gibson, M. Muhammad, F. Dawson, P. Foster, M. Day, Treas. C. Duncan-Foster

ne-by-one, the department's districts once again became stand-alone precincts more centrally located to better use patrol and equipment resources and serve their respective community areas except for the 8th precinct. Seems like there was no suitable building or area to make it happen. Then, after finding just the right location, several issues had to be resolved - like preserving a historic building adjacent to the prospective new precinct. Our Grandmont Rosedale area residents have a long history of advocacy for the historical homes, support for local businesses and other issues that sustain the quality of live in our area communities. Once resolutions were found, our new precinct was on its way!





Finally, on Monday, July 24th, the 8th precinct opened for business with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by the police administration and other staff, other elected officials and many community supporters. The 8th precinct address is 21555 W McNichols next to Meijer. Precinct phone number is 313-596-5800.



Mary Muhammad

VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE / ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

FORECLOSURE UPDATE: Please pay attention to any vacant properties on your block. Know the address and cross streets in case you need to call 911 or our NPO. It's a smart idea to remove circulars or papers from that property. Be aware that people are watching to see if anyone is taking care of the property – if not, it could be seen as an opportunity for criminal activity or trespassing. If there is a vacant property on your block, please call me or your Block or Street Captain to see what steps can be taken to make sure lawns are cut and the property is secured. If you've recently moved into the Grandmont Community – first, **WELCOME!** and second, if you don't know your Street or Block Captain, please call Ethel Smith (313-864-3666) who is in charge of our Block & Street Captain Network. Perhaps you would like to volunteer to help out if your block is not represented. We certainly could use your help! **THANK YOU!**

BETTER BANG FOR YOUR BUCK! Yes, 4th of July is over, but it seems not for everyone! I hope by the time you read this, firecracker activity has finally stopped. But let's put things in perspective. How much do you spend on fireworks, certainly if you or your family spend more than \$25.00 – and you haven't yet paid your GCA dues – that same money can pay those dues for the entire year! That well spent money helps pay for Ramsay Park cleanups – bags, weed control and other things that help keep our park clean and safe for families. Your dues money also pays for our street snow removal contract paid for regardless of the amount of snow on our streets. Beautification, Scholarships, the Arts & Crafts Fair and good things waiting to happen when funds are available are all possible thanks to you doing the right thing by paying your fair share (which is very reasonable) to promote Community in Grandmont. Please Pay Your Dues! We need your support – and you will certainly receive more Bang for your Buck than any firecracker can bring!

YARD WASTE REMINDERS: The City picks up Yard Waste and Branches from April to December every other Monday, the same day as our Bulk Pickup Day. Only PAPER BAGS are collected – NO PLASTIC BAGS! Yard Waste should be placed SEPARATE from your bulk items. Branches and twigs should be in bags if they are small enough, but larger branches need to be BUNDLED and can't be larger than 4 feet long or 18 inches in diameter.



Please remember that no construction wood will be picked up by Advanced Disposal. For further information go to their website at www.advanceddisposal.com/mi/detroit/detroit-residential-collection NOTE: You can now sign up for City of Detroit pickup reminders on the City of Detroit Public Works website which now offers this exciting new feature. Residents can sign up for text message and/or email notifications for when it is time to put your garbage, recycling, bulk and yard waste out for pickup. Go to the City of Detroit Website — Public Works Department. You can also enter your address to get this information. Of course we make it so easy for you in Grandmont, just read your Grandmont, The information is in this issue!

DID YOU KNOW: FREE ADMISSION AT THE ZOO FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

SENIOR DAY AT THE DETROIT ZOO IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017, 10 AM-3 PM! Senior citizens 62 years and older residing in Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties and a caregiver are invited to enjoy free admission and parking at the **Detroit Zoo**. There will be music, tram tours, zoo keeping talks and a senior resource area. Why not take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a day out?

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GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GRDC is pleased to introduce Sherita Smith as its new Executive Director, filling the vacancy created by Tom Goddeeris' departure to join **DETROIT FUTURE CITY** as Director of Community and Economic Development.

A native Detroiter, Sherita is familiar with Grandmont Rosedale's successes and challenges, and believes that **GRDC** has an integral role to play not just in Grandmont Rosedale, but in the city of Detroit as well. Sherita is looking forward to working with the board and staff as well as the many residents and volunteers in Grandmont Rosedale. She believes that the level of community engagement in Grandmont Rosedale is among its greatest assets.



Sherita brings the strategic leadership and innovation needed to guide this next phase of GRDC's development, as well as true dedication to preserving and strengthening our vibrant community. Sherita has over 18 years' experience in community development in Detroit with expertise in leadership, program development, strategic planning, fundraising and communications. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration and a BA in Political Science. Sherita has served as Community Engagement Director for Eastside Community Network, Executive Director for First Independence CDC, and most recently as Fund Development Director for Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation.

GRDC's Board of Directors was unanimous in their confidence in Sherita's abilities and is looking forward to an effective, cooperative partnership. Under her leadership, **GRDC** will remain fully committed to our mission of improving the quality of life in the Grandmont Rosedale community.

We invite you to meet Sherita and welcome her to our community, stop by the **GRDC** office, or attend the Community Connections Breakfast in the fall. Look for the date and time in upcoming eblasts. Sherita can be reached at ssmith@grandmontrosedale.com or 313.387.4732 x111.

TOGETHER, WE WILL MAKE GRANDMONT ROSEDALE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY!

NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET NEWS – Don't forget the NW Detroit Farmers' Market is open for the



season! The 2017 season will run each Thursday from $4\ PM-8\ PM$ until mid-October. The Market offers local produce, delicious breads and baked goods, honey, jams, soups, teas and coffee, local eggs, chemical-free meats, and more. There is lots of free programming for the whole family including canning and preservation classes, youth workshops, recipes tastings, children's story time and more! There is also a weekly food truck option onsite for all your dinner needs.

Don't forget that the Market accepts cash, credit, **EBT/ BRIDGE CARDS**, **DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS** (a matching program up to **\$20** to spend on produce at the market for Bridge Card users), **MARKET AND PROJECT FRESH** coupons, and **HOOP HOUSE FOR HEALTH** coupons. In the event of rain, the market will be held inside the North Rosedale Park Community House (18445 Scarsdale).

Meet your neighbors; get healthy food, and support local, small business! For more information about the 2017 Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market season, please contact Market Manager Chelsea Neblett at cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com or 313.387.4732 x 103.

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GRDC NEWS, cont'd:

GRANDCORRIDOR RIBBON CUTTING AND MURAL TOUR, Saturday, August 5th – GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION and PROJECT 561 invite you to celebrate the culmination of the GRANDCORRIDOR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be held on Saturday, August 5th. We are humbled by the generous support of our volunteers and donors, including the philanthropic community, many local business and private individuals who all believe in the transformational power of art and nature!

The **GRANDCORRIDOR** Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at 19556 Grand River from 4 PM - 4:30 PM. After the ceremony, those who wish to join us will be taken on a shuttle tour of the murals where we will hear about the project from the participating artists and business owners and we will also stop at the **2017**



GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR. To close the event, we will host a storytelling event beginning at 5:45 PM at **CUTZ LOUNGE THE GROOMING SHOP** located at 19655 Grand River. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Five residents will each share a 10 minute story of Grandmont Rosedale, covering a specific decade over the past 50 years. The storytelling event will be led by Cornetta Lane of the **PEDAL TO PORCH PROJECT**.

Also, we are delighted to introduce the **GRANDCORRIDOR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT's** new official logo – featured above – designed by Grandmont Rosedale-resident and artist Ndubisi Okoye.

Should you have any questions, please email Chelsea Neblett at cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com.

IN MEMORY OF DOUGLAS ALEXANDER RAMSEY

On Saturday, August 5th, many Grandmont residents and others around our community will come together and have a wonderful time at our annual Arts & Crafts Fair in Ramsay Park without even thinking about who the person was for whom the park was named. Doug Ramsay grew up on Rutland St. right behind the park where he once played; his house is still here. He attended Edison School where they would flood the playground every winter so he could practice skating. He was a child skating prodigy, 10 years old when he won his first championship and only 16 when he died in 1961 on his way to the World Championships.

DOUGLAS RAMSAY MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND: WHO WAS DOUGLAS RAMSAY?



Douglas Alexander Ramsay, born in 1944, was the second child of Alex and Jean Ramsay's four children. He began skating at age six on a makeshift pond. At age eight he joined the Detroit Skating Club and began lessons with Coach Bill Swallender. Doug traveled with his coach to summertime training, in Lake Placid, East Lansing, and several Canadian summer centers. He enjoyed a string of Midwestern championships, winning the juvenile title in 1955, the novice title in 1956 and the junior title in 1957. An illness in 1958 prevented him from competing at the 1958 Midwesterns. Beginning in 1957, Doug went to Nationals every year; he had limited success, placing eighth in 1957, fifth in



1958, and fourth in 1959. Finally in 1960, he captured the U.S. men's junior title in one of the closest junior men matches in history.

At the 1961 U.S. Championships, Doug placed fourth and was named the first alternate to the 1961 U.S. World Team. When Tim Brown, the 1961 bronze medalist, bowed out due to health problems, the USFSA invited Doug to join the team a week before the 1961 North American Championships. Although Doug placed fourth in Philadelphia, he was a huge sensation at his first international competition. Through the years people compared him to champions Dick Button, Ronnie Robertson, David Jenkins, and in time, Scott Hamilton. The last-minute inclusion of Doug on the 1961 World Team also included his coach Bill Swallender, who flew with him to Prague. Had he not perished in that fateful plane crash, he may have been the first big television skating star.

Their plane crashed near the Brussels airport on February 15, 1961, killing all on board. The 1961 Worlds Figure Skating Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia were canceled. Their lives were cut short but their influence continues to this day.

Douglas Alexander Ramsay is buried in White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery in Troy, MI.

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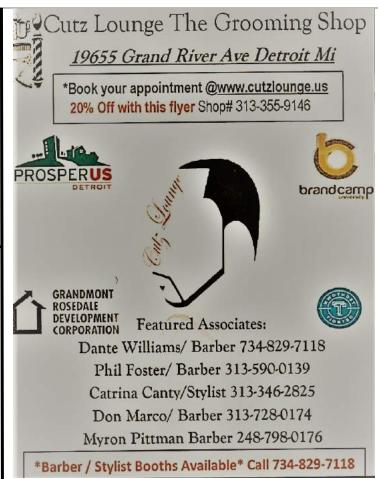
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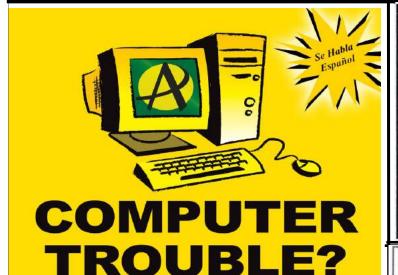


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SATURDAY	ĸ	12PM—7PM—GCA Arts & Crafts Fair at Ramsay Park 4PM-4:30PM—GandCorridor Ribbon Cutting and Mural Tour at 19556 Grand River	12	10AM—GCA Community Board Meeting, GRDC Office IPM—Grandmont Street & Block Captains Meeting at GRDC Office, 19800 Grand River	19		26			GRANDMONT~ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MTG: N. ROSEDALE PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE—THURSDAY, ~ NO MEETING NW DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MTG: Westminster Church, 17567 Hubbell —Monday, September 25, 2017~7PM
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