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The Grandmont

Community

Serves

Association

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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The Grandmont Community Association wishes you:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from the Home of Good Neighbors!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CAME OUT FOR THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND TO ALL OF OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS

We appreciate you and your role in making Grandmont great!



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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

Grandmontcommunitycrimealerts @googlegroups.com

4. To report crime anonymously, call 1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-773-2587)

Auto-theft tips Text "TIP411" (847411) or

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Grandmonitor staff reserves the right to edit content.



Grandmont Community Meetings

- all welcome -

Jan. 4	May 2	Sep. 5
Feb. 1	June 6	Oct. 3
Mar. 7	July 11	Nov. 7
Apr. 4	Aug. 1	Dec. 5

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 -

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

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

Block Capt. Garden Club meetings

TBA See you in 2020!

Meetings are held at 12:30 pm at GRDC. Meetings are held at 6 pm at Chaney

Quick Trash FAQs

Trash collection now takes place on Fridays!

Your regular trash will be picked up weekly, but your recycling, bulk, and yard waste will be collected every other Friday!

Hazardous waste can be dropped off at 2000 E. Ferry St., **free of charge to Detroit residents**, Thursdays 7:30 am – 2:00 pm and every 4th Saturday from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

NEIGHBORHOOD Vou can NOTES

Did you know you can pay your neighborhood dues online?

Annual Belle Isle Holiday Stroll

Free event being held on Dec. 13th, 5-8 pm.

Parade of Lasers at the Majestic

Bear Grillz, Lucii, Somnium Sound, OG Nixin, and Sythyst will make your wintertime electronic dance party dreams comes true. December 20th, at 7 pm. Tickets available online

Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village

Running Dec 5-8, 12-15, 17-23, and 26-28th, from 6:30-10 pm. Mingle with merrymakers amidst the smells of roasting chestnuts and warming bonfires. Listen to carolers, fiddlers, sleigh bells, and bustling yuletide cheer. Go ice-skating, shout out to Santa and his magnificent reindeer, or nestle into a horse-drawn wagon for a singalong!

Manheim Steamroller

Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave. December 21st, 8 pm

Drake Nite Detroit

The El Club (4114 Vernor Highway), an all ages venue in Southwest, is putting on "the Greatest Ever Dance Party" on December 14th, at 10 pm. Photo booth, dance-off, drink specials and more.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra 2019

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra will visit Little Caesars Arena at 2546 Woodward Ave on December 28th at 3 pm. Listen as this American rock band mixes orchestral, symphonic and progressive features with moving Christmas music. The tunes will really put you in the holiday spirit.

Spongebob the Musical

The critically acclaimed, award-winning The SpongeBob Musical, declared "Brilliant!" by The New York Times, will play the Fox Theatre in The District Detroitfor 15 performances as part of the 2019-20 Theatre Series. Performances begin December 26th and run through January 5th at the Fox Theatre (2211 Woodward Avenue). This show will be hilarious for both children and adults alike!

Cirque Dreams Holidaze

Cirque Dreams Holidaze Detroit is a spectacle for the holiday stage that combines the world-famous caliber of acrobatics. December 14th, 7 pm, Fox Theatre.

Robolights Detroit

An art and light display at MOCAD. Out of this world, like a "Pee-wee's Playhouse" of found objects, it's more like a trip through a psychedelic carnival of the mind—you won't want to miss this!.

Merrry Grizmas!

The electronic artist GRiZ will be visiting Detroit at the Masonic Temple on December 14th at 8 pm. The show is 18+ and on sale now online.

Community Announcement

This holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and to resolve in the new year to help make life better in our community. Let\s all contribute to creating a culture of "Love Where You Live" in Grandmont.

The Press Conference/Community Announcement held at North Rosedale Park (NRP) Community House on Wed. Nov 6, was cause for celebration. If you weren't there, you missed a great party! Some notable updates:

- Good news! Mayor Duggan and Chairman of TCF Bank (Chemical Bank) Gary Torgow, announced a \$5 Million Dollar investment and partnership within the 5 Grandmont-Rosedale neighborhoods with the City of Detroit's Strategic Neighborhoods Fund (SNF) & Affordable Housing Leverage Fund (AHLF).
- A new TCF Branch Bank will be located at 18570
 Grand River and will be hiring 5-10 employees in the
 near future. Latrice McClendon, formerly our D1
 Neighborhood Liaison, is now the VP-Director of
 Community Relations at TCF Bank.
- D1 Councilman James Tate and City of Detroit-Director of Planning, Arthur Jemison along with Sherita Smith, GRDC Executive Director, and Minock Park President Vickie Holmes and NRP and Vacant Property Task Force member Beverly Frederick spoke of better days ahead for our neighborhoods.
- NRP Community House was elegantly transformed to accommodate neighbors and city & bank officials and provided a wonderful array of food provided by TCF from neighborhood restaurants, Honey's, Town Hall Caffe & Vegan Soul and more.
- Page's Bookstore was present as were many local popup/businesses to promote early local holiday shopping.
- Cooke schoolchildren were invited in conjunction with the announcement of that school becoming a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) school.
- Also announced was the Handicap Accessible PlayScape at the NRP Community House. Grandmont also secured sponsorship for a TBD upcoming neighborhood event.

We are so happy that Grandmont is receiving the financial investment and attention it deserves. We would love to see you there next time!

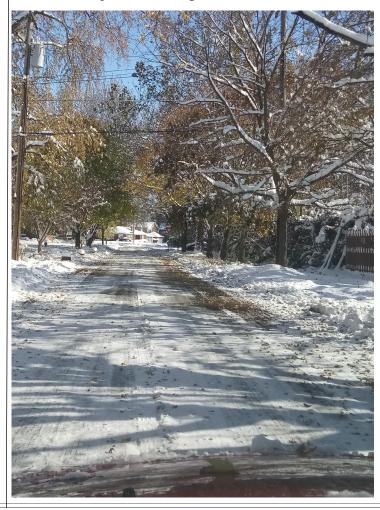
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Thanks to All Our Good Neighbors

Thank you to our neighborhood group of lawn cutters/landscapers who kept the vacant lot south of the Community Garden on Archdale near Grand River cut. The vacant lot south of Grand River at Woodmont cut. And the white-fenced vacant lots on Southfield between Schoolcraft & Tournier cut and all looking great during the the spring, summer, and early fall months.

We depend on fund-raising donations to the Vacant Property Task Force group at GRDC to help pay for these services that make "loving where you live" easier every day. Thank you - and a big neighborhood hug to Marvin Washington, Mark Blyther, and Jerry Webb for their community help, as well as to Ed Smith, GCA Board Member and caretaker of Ramsay Park. We couldn't do it as well without YOUR help.

Snow is here! Grandmont is (was) ready! You can help by being a considerate good neighbor. Keep your garbage can off the street and IN your berm (the strip of land between your sidewalk and the street). Take your container out and take it back according to City time-frame regulations. In winter, tickets are more likely to be issued to keep traffic moving safer and streets clear.





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H & M Style Lounge and Chill Room—Opening December

Located at 19566 Grand River, H & M Style Lounge and Chill Room will offer "a music lounge where people can sit and relax, socialize with friends, have a cocktail, play a game of chess, or grab a bite to eat, all to the background of chilled out Classic House Music." Stay tuned for hours and Grand Opening date!

Stay Up to Date

To keep informed about what's going on send an email to GRDC's AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer Coordinator Kevin Ball at kevin@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to our Wednesday, weekly eblast list. You can also like Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation on Facebook. Like GRDC's Grand River WorkPlace and the Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market on Facebook too to keep up to date. To get an overview of the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods, GRDC programs, Community Calendar, and our Community Blog, check out our website at grandmontrosedale.com.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

GRDC is a busy place with lots of projects and events happening and we'd love to have you join us! If you'd like to volunteer, let our AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer Coordinator Kevin Ball know at kevin@grandmontrosedale.com.



GRDC has accomplished great things in our 30 years! Be a part of the next 30 years by making a tax-deductible donation, volunteering for an event or initiative, sharing GRDC news and events on your social media, or just by telling your neighbor about GRDC's resident and business owner-led work in the Grandmont Rosedale community. Contact Jocelyn to make your contribution at jocelyn@grandmontrosedale.com or by visiting out website: grandmontrosedale.com.

Vacant Property Task Force

GRDC's Vacant Property Task Force will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 10 am – 12 pm at the Town Hall Caffé, 19180 Grand River. Joining the task force is a great way to be a part of making Grandmont Rosedale an ever better place to live, shop, and play. Contact Community Engagement Manager Kitty Yarbrough if you would like to participate: 313.387.4732, ext. 103 or kyarbrough@grandmontrosedale.com.

Property Tax Exemption Workshop

Property Tax Exemption Workshops will not be held at GRDC for the rest of 2019. For more info, go to FromclosureDetroit.com, or contact GRDC's Community Engagement Manager Kitty Yarbrough at kyarbrough@grandmontrosedale.com or 313.387.4732, ext. 103.



Juicing With Jai

One of Grandmont Rosedale's newest businesses, Juicing with Jai, 19550 Grand River, offers juices that are part of a weight-loss management program that

specializes in natural and healthy methods. Stay tuned for hours and Grand Opening date! Stop by and welcome owner Jai James and her new business to the community!

STANDARD DETROIT

The Standard Detroit is "the new standard for fashion in Detroit." Stop by the Grand River WorkPlace pop-up shop at 19120 Grand River and add something fashionable to your wardrobe! The store features men's and women's clothing and accessories created by Detroit designers and artists. The hours are Wed. – Sun. from 12 – 7 pm.



Holiday Breakfast/Open House

Grand River WorkPlace members, neighborhood business owners, and community partners are invited to celebrate small business collaboration and the holidays with a free holiday breakfast at the Grand River WorkPlace, 19120 Grand River, on Friday, Dec. 6 from 9 – 11 am. Those interested in checking out the WorkPlace, Grandmont Rosedale's co-working space, can stop in too! Please RSVP to Economic Development Specialist BrieAnn Bell at 313.387.4732, ext. 118 or bbell@grandmontrosedale.com.



Community Meeting, Grand River Parklet

The City of Detroit is holding a Community Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6-7:30 pm at GRDC, 19800 Grand River, to hear your input about the coming Grand Parklet Streetscape Project at Grand River and Plainview. Stop in and let them know what you think. You'll get a chance to provide feedback on options for the parklet installation.

Stay Secure at the Holidays

BE SECURITY CONSCIOUS especially during this season:

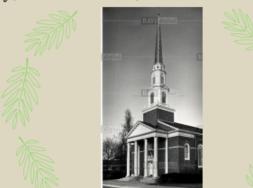
- PLEASE keep your car parked off the street (and off the lawn) especially during these winter months. Don't make it difficult for the wonderful neighborhood street snow service we receive in Grandmont. We need your cooperation to make this service successful and allow for safer passage of emergency and all vehicles. And slow down. You won't win the race. There is no race.
- A good idea (and sanctioned by the Police) is to take a picture of your current Proof of Insurance and Vehicle Registration so you don't have to keep these address-identifying papers in your car. Take a picture of your License Plate as well.
- If you park in your driveway remember to turn your wheels so your car can't be easily pushed to the street. Backing-in gives you the advantage of better visibility of your surroundings and quick, safer exiting if needed.
- Turn on Your Porch Lights! We especially appreciate all the attractive night lighting in Grandmont. Even with Ring Doorbell, Security Camera's and Alarms, you still want to be able to see suspicious activity and provide as much detail as possible if needed.
- Remember to report crime (and tell your neighbors since crime doesn't stop with you).
 According to the police, If you don't report it it didn't happen. If you can't get to the 8th precinct, you can call the non-emergency crime reporting number 313-267-4600 to get a report number and have your information validated and entered into the system.

For any security-related questions or concerns, we suggest that you attend a Grandmont Neighborhood Patrol Meeting (first Monday each month), a GRDC Neighborhood Safety Meeting or a Vacant Property Task Force meeting (both occur every other month). If you're interested in promoting safety and security in Grandmont, this chair is currently empty and awaiting your expertise and energy. We need our neighbors to step and serve in our community to make it a place we all love to live. Are you ready to heed the call?

A SUNDAY DINNER & ACTIVITY NIGHT
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Ron Isaac

Sunday, DECEMBER 8, 2019 from 2:00-8:00 p.m.



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Call Karla (313) 600-3555 for more information





HOLIDAY HOME SECURITY



A CHECKLIST FOR PROTECTING YOUR HOME WHEN YOU'RE AWAY

Last Thanksgiving, <u>43 million Americans</u> drove 50 miles or more to carve the turkey with their friends and family. And, last year, <u>30% of Americans</u> traveled 50 miles or more from home during the year-end holiday season.

If you're traveling this holiday season, complete this simple checklist to ensure your home is secure when you're away.

0	UND	ER LOCK AND KEY
19		Have you locked every door or window, including the
63		door to your garage?
		Have you secured your pet doors (if any)?
		Have you double-checked securing your sliding doors (if any)?
		If you have a home security system, have you activated it?
		Have you locked up your ladders, tools, and lawn furniture?
	$\overline{\Box}$	Have you put your valuables in a safe or safety deposit box?
		Have you removed any "hidden" keys?
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		Watch your house?
		Hold onto your emergency contact information?
		Collect any newspapers, flyers, or mail that might arrive?
		Park a car in your driveway?
	ANY	ONE HOME?
		Have you considered putting lights, TVs, or radios on
00		intermittent timers?
		Have you trimmed any overgrown trees or shrubbery?
		Have you considered installing motion-sensing lights?
		Have you broken down any large cardboard boxes?
		Have you avoided posting about your travel plans on social media?



About 40% of burglaries don't involve forcible entry. Just by properly securing your home, you can reduce your chances of unlawful intrusion.



In a survey of burglars, <u>51% checked</u> for a car in the driveway before committing their crime.



In the same survey, <u>60% of burglars</u> would avoid a 'target' if there was any evidence of people being inside.

Grandmont Community Association Membership Application

(INCLUDES STREET SNOW REMOVAL, NEWSLETTER	, SCHOLARSHIPS, COMMITTEES, EVENTS, LOBBYING, ETC)
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Address:	
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Beautification	Ramsay Park
By-Laws	Safety/Security
Education & Youth	Scholarship
Environmental	Social Planning
Finance	Street & Block Captains
Membership	Web Site
Grandmont Radio Patrol	Vacant Property Task Force
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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 convenience fee of \$2.00 to pay online for each year.**

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- 2. Click add to cart,
- If you need to add additional information regarding this order, please type it in the text box. i.e. Someone 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 detail line.
- 4. When you have finished adding the years, click view cart to go to the PayPal site to check out.



Did You Know? There's a Website for That

GOOD INFORMATION: If you haven't looked at the City of Detroit (Departments) Website you should. There is a wealth of good information on most topics of concern. You can find out just about anything with ease and a quick click.

There is also a new feature that gives you a snapshot of many of your specific City-Police Contacts as well as your Trash & Recycling information. Go to the new My Home feature on the front screen of www.detroitmi.gov and enter your address. (Some information may need updating, but you can report data issues.)

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