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The Grandmont
Community
Association

Serves approximately
1100 residences in the

Grandmont Community, including house-
holds south of Grand River, west of Asbury
Park, north of Schoolcraft, and east of South-
field 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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

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

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Grandmont Community Association

Save the Date!

Annual Social & Business Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

Mark your calendars for our Annual Social & Business Meeting
Resuming in April for 2023!

at

New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ
15340 Southfield Freeway
Detroit, MI 48223

The annual meeting is one of our neighborhood's most important events of the year! Join us at the 2023 meeting to reconnect and hear from our community and most importantly vote to elect our board members for the 2023-2024 term.

Your vote matters and we need your help in electing strong dedicated, community-oriented neighbors to help serve our neighborhood. Learn more about our elections and board candidates at www.grandmontcommunity.org or in the next upcoming Grandmonitor!



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Crime Reporting	1. Call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress 2. Call 313-267-4600, for non-emergency 3. Contact the GCA Security Chair, Joyce Tatum, (810) 447-8044 4. To inform the community about suspicious people, vehicles or activity, send an email to Grandmontcommunitycrimealerts@googlegroups.com 5. 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 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
Bulk/Recycle Drop-off	Southfield Yard, 12255 Southfield Svc. Dr. Mon-Sat, 8:30-4 (closed daily 12:30-1:30)
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Waste Management	844-233-8764

Grandmont Community Meetings
- all are welcome -

Feb 4 Mar 4
Apr 1 May 6

Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Please check GCA website or Facebook page for meeting location.



Mark Your
2023
Calendars!

Grandmont Patrol Meetings

Feb 6 Mar 6
Apr 3 May 1

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted via Zoom.

Meetings

Grandmont Youth
& Education Meeting

Join Us!

For more information about being a part of the Youth & Education Committee, please contact, Jenise Collins, (313) 473-9603. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate! Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

8th Pct. Police
Community Relations
Meeting

Meetings are held the last Monday of the month at 7:00PM. Contact the precinct (313-596-5800) for the location/virtual link.

Beautification & Garden Club
Committee Meeting

Meeting Dates Coming Soon!

Please join the Beautification & Garden Club Committee at any of our upcoming meetings for 2023. Contact Larissa@GrandmontCommunity.org for more information.

GCA BOARD MEETING

January Meeting Recap!



The Grandmont Community Association met on January 7, 2023, at GRDC. It was a long meeting with lots of discussion about the future of GCA both in 2023 and beyond. The board decided, after much thought and discussion, to make the following changes to the Grandmonitor publishing and distribution. First, the Grandmonitor will always be available in electronic format and now with a new webmaster in place, will also be online. For the year 2023, all issues will be printed and distributed. Our editor, Sandi Miller, is always seeking articles, photos, and information for the Grandmonitor. Submissions to the Grandmonitor should be emailed to her by the 12th of the month for inclusion in the next month's edition. Please email her at smiller@grandmontcommunity.org. In 2024, while the information will always be available to all community members electronically, we are considering only distributing printed copies to dues-paying households, our advertisers and for new residents/members.

We also began to discuss our Annual Meeting and Election for the Board Member seats up in 2023. We will be returning the Annual Meeting to April in accordance with our by-laws, due to the fact that the COVID-19 is endemic now. We are forming an elections and nominations committee to help with the nominations process and holding the election at the Annual Meeting. These individuals will not be on the board or running for a seat.

Finally, we had community visitors including Mr. Steele Hughes who shared information on water bill plans, water shut-off moratorium options, child tax credit information, and the fact that this year the city is pushing for May to be the beautification month and to have clean up around the city start earlier. The major push will be around Earth Day (April 22) in Grandmont and all over the city. Ms. Annette Lotharp, Redford Branch Manager Detroit Public Library, shared about upcoming events at the branch surrounding health and wellness, story time for children, math tutoring, College for Creative Studies Art programs, and computer help sessions for adults.

Samantha Bonaparte
GCA Board Member and Secretary



Grandmont Community Association
Recognizes & Celebrates
Black History Month

Black History Month is a celebration to commemorate the achievements of African-Americans in the history of our county and our community.

We honor those that have come before us and those who have impacted our community greatly!



VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE

There was a brief VPTF Mtg on Jan 17, 2023 at the Work Place on Grand River. It was decided we will not do a fundraiser for this year. However, we are tasked with updating each of our 5 neighborhood's vacant house lists. FYI - this list is not shared with the public but used to try to establish "Owner and/or Property Manager" contact information. We all advocate for better communication and maintenance of our vacant homes and/or rentals and need the help of neighbors to inform us of any new vacancies and provide as many details or information as possible.

We are exploring better communication and/or relationships with businesses in our areas through the VPTF. If this is something of interest to you, or you can devote some time to, please contact me. Chelsea Salame (313-387-4732) is the GRDC business coordinator and would welcome Grandmont help.

Recent Communication:

Waiting for responses from the D1 Department of Neighborhoods (Mr. Steele Hughes) regarding long-time vacant Land Bank house on Rutland as well as a City fence repair needed along the fence line behind Edison School.

Letters have been sent to property owners regarding rodent, rat sightings from backyard debris. Please remember that the Rodent Control Environmental Enforcement Department can be a good source of information. They are located at 5800 Russell (313-876-0426). Poison may help, but the risk to children or pets is high - and rats tend to be a "people problem." Too many people ignore the signs of rat infestation. You can help by being aware of potential breeding and nesting areas and taking appropriate action. Here are some facts:

Garbage & Rubbish Disposal

Drain and bag all garbage before putting into garbage container
Place all debris inside the container
All containers are required to have lids that are free of holes.
Call to request a new container if yours has seen better days.

Building Maintenance

Fix broken basement windows and screens.
Keep basement windows and outside doors closed
Remove trash from basement, garage, and shed.
Place door sweeps on all doors leading outside.

Exterior...Clean up

Clean up under porches and crawl spaces
Remove trash from yard and alley
Cut weeds and remove brush
Remove leftover dog food and water before dark
Keep yard free of dog manure
Elevate wood and other materials at least 18" off the ground

Diane Patterson
Vacant Property

DID YOU KNOW?

HOME REPAIR - GOOD NEWS

Last fall, three Grandmont Neighbors were selected by a GRDC drawing to receive free needed home repair from a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) grant. Grandmont has been selected to receive funding again this year. Thanks to the partnership of GRDC and GCA, income qualified residents will be able to receive minor exterior repairs that will focus on "curb appeal" for our community. Funds will be available for moderate income residents who are up to date on their property taxes, home insurance and mortgage.

Last years program allowed for a new roof for a neighbor on Grandmont, facade, paint work for another Grandmont neighbor, as well as step and porch repair for a Longacre resident were all well received and needed work. We all benefit when our community can be more attractive with a little help from our friends!
Stay tuned for additional details!


Diane Patterson

Grandmont Community Association

Are you a writer?
Want to volunteer
your writing skills in
the community?

GCA is looking for a co-editor for the Grandmonitor!

Email Sandi Miller or Larissa Richardson if interested in writing for the community's #1 news source!



Edison Elementary School
has a new Facebook page!

Join the Edison Elementary
School Community Today!





Here is the link to our FB page
<https://www.facebook.com/EdisonTigersDPSCD?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

GRANDMONT YOUTH COMMITTEE

College Bound? How Can the Detroit Promise Help You?

Are you a Grandmont youth that is currently a senior in high school and planning to attend college, here's information you can use on the Detroit Promise.

What is the Detroit Promise?

The Detroit Promise is a last-dollar scholarship that ensures all eligible Detroit residents have a tuition-free path to an associate degree, bachelor's degree or technical certificate at participating academic institutions. Interested students should check with their school to ensure that their desired degree or technical certificate is Pell-eligible. Programs that are not Pell-eligible cannot be covered by the Detroit Promise. Detroit Promise funding is not competitive; every student who registers and meets the requirements will receive funding if their college determines they have an eligible funding gap.

- At community college schools, the Detroit Promise will be billed for any remaining balance up to the full cost of tuition and mandatory fees*.
- At university schools, any balance will be covered using gift aid as arranged by the participating institution and a contribution from the Michigan Education Excellence Foundation (MEEF).

Detroit Promise History

In 2011, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder announced his intention to provide Detroit high school graduates with a tuition-free path to an associate degree or technical certificate.

Since 2013, the Detroit Regional Chamber has administered the Detroit Promise, which is funded by the Michigan Excellence in Education Foundation. The Promise has since expanded to include bachelor's degrees from four-year schools.

In 2016, Detroit mayor Mike Duggan announced the genesis of the Detroit Promise Zone authority, its purpose being to dedicate a portion of tax dollars to permanently fund the two-year scholarships. Years later, with support from the Michigan Education Excellence Foundation*, the Detroit Promise Authority remains committed to giving every Detroit-residing student an opportunity to achieve a postsecondary degree regardless of their financial situation.

What is the Detroit Promise Path?

The **Detroit Promise Path** is a student success program that assigns a Campus Coach to all Detroit Promise community college students. Campus Coaches provide mentorship by connecting students with on-campus resources, supporting their educational journeys, and helping them achieve their goals. Please note that while participation in the Detroit Promise Path is highly encouraged to support student success, not participating will not impact the student's eligibility for Detroit Promise funding.

In addition to the benefit of having a dedicated, knowledgeable coach, each scholar participating in the Detroit Promise Path will receive a monthly stipend of \$50 and be connected to a community of Detroit Promise scholars. To learn more about the Detroit Promise Path, visit <http://detpromise.wpengine.com/the-detroit-promise-path/>.

Sandi Rideaux-Miller
GYC Committee Member

STREET/BLOCK CAPTAINS CORNER

Here's a recap of the January 9th Street and Block Captains Meeting.

- * Introduction of Captains
- * Re-defined our roles
- * Grandmonitor distribution & Timelines
- * Discussed open streets for Block Captains
- * Archdale-Asbury Park-Grandmont-Southfield & Rutland!
- * We committed to having quarterly meetings upcoming months April- July- October (dates TBD and will be communicated in upcoming issue of Grandmonitor.)
- * Discussed the need to partner with Membership Committee & Block Captains greeting new neighbors.
- * Discussed suggestions for building a strong community.
- * Discussed Block/Street Captains attending monthly Community meetings!
- * Great Meeting hosted by Jibreel, Yolanda & Larissa.

Meeting My Neighbors

A few months back I had the pleasure of partnering with two of my neighbors - Susan & Mrs. Parnell. The three of us, as Longacre residents, put our boots to the ground and went door to door to meet/greet our neighbors, some we knew and others we met for the first time. We built a great rapport among ourselves, shared conversations and had some good laughs along the way. A bonus was being able to collect some membership dues in the process. It was a great, productive day and we all felt a sense of accomplishment as well as a stronger sense of community.

Submitted by Yolanda Burnett
Longacre Street Captain



Coffee with a Cop



This is your opportunity to speak with our NPOs (Neighborhood Police Officers) and see what they can/can't help with! Please bring suggestions/ideas that help problem solve.

The NEXT "COFFEE WITH A COP" is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th, at 10:00 am. Please contact Diane Patterson, (313) 836-3736, for details.

FEBRUARY - ALSO "HAPPY HEART" MONTH

What does "Grandmont, Home of Good Neighbors" mean to you?

"A lot of things broke my heart, but fixed my vision."

I recently attended a beautiful memorial service for a Grandmont resident who was loved and respected by family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Those words, among others, were part of the service and seem to speak to me of today's troubled times and hopes for a better tomorrow.

Sometimes it takes clarity and vision to fix situations that are heart-breaking, especially in our own neighborhoods. Everyone has their own story, and everyone thinks they have the answers. But problems aren't always solved. Community comes with many perspectives and ideas, but one common concern in our neighborhood is the safety & security of our families and of our surroundings.

We need each other, and we need more civility and understanding. But we shouldn't keep accepting excuses for solvable problems. High neighborhood expectations should be a standard we all strive toward. As a community, we need more involvement, better communication, and a commitment to be better good neighbors just by taking better care of ourselves, our home, and our property.

Put your heart into your neighborhood; love where you live. Work harder and smarter to keep Grandmont clean and beautiful. Get to know your neighbors and try to be the "Good Neighbor" Grandmont's motto encourages. When people stop caring about their neighbors and surroundings, we all lose a sense of community that can lessen our identity as a "community of choice." That reality can be heart-breaking on so many levels. Please think about how your actions (or inactions) can impact our community.

Diane Patterson

Did you know that Grandmont's original homeowner's association was formed in 1927. We were also once called the Grandmont Improvement Association. Today, we welcome all neighbors who reside within our boundaries (originally Asbury Park west side only from Grand River to Lyndon, now all of Asbury Park West to Southfield Service Drive, between Grand River & Schoolcraft.)

Grandmont borrowed this from the *Grandmont #1 Community Association* (our neighbors to the west of Southfield) and published it in the December 1977 issue of *The Grandmonitor*. (We substituted Grandmont in place of Grandmont #1). "At its inception in the 1930's, the residents of that Association expressed their faith and dedication to their new community in the form of a Creed. This framed document can still be found in many of the homes in Grandmont #1."

I think this Creed is timeless and expresses the pride of our own "Home of Good Neighbors" in Grandmont. What do you think? Are there any changes or updates to make this better or more relevant in our new century? Let us know your thoughts.

CREED

TOGETHER...the families of Grandmont have created a good place to live in...a place that preserves the pleasures of living in a small town though it is a part of a large city.

These pleasures emanate from the pride of ownership that comes from maintaining the good appearance of their homes as well as maintaining desirable living conditions.

Through their efforts civic improvements, social activities and other projects have been accomplished to conserve the joy and increase the pride of the community.

As a resident of Grandmont this is my heritage!

THEREFORE...in appreciation for the work that has been done to establish this highly desirable neighborhood and to prove ourselves worthy of the friendship of our neighbors, I pledge my family to...

- treat our neighbors as we would like to be treated
- maintain our home in good condition and appearance
- keep the streets and lawns clear of litter
- counsel our children in good neighborly behavior
- respect our neighbor's rights to quiet after dark
- control our pets
- drive safely and sanely
- put rubbish collections on curb after dark
- be law-abiding
- promote the continuing friendship of people who are part of the community
- cooperate wholeheartedly with the aims and efforts of the Grandmont Improvement Association and to attend its meetings whenever possible.

Submitted by Diane Patterson
GCA Board Member





2023 Board Elections

Grandmont Community Association

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 5 candidates for the next 2 year term for the GCA Board
at the**

Grandmont Annual Social & Business Meeting

Saturday, April 29, 2023

GCA Board Candidacy

- Candidates for GCA board will be available (in the Grandmonitor and online)!**
- Candidates must provide a short bio, display community engagement and be a consecutive dues paying member**
- If you or someone you know are interested in running for the Grandmont Community Association Board contact the Grandmont Community Association at GrandmontCommunityAssociation@gmail.com.**

CITY ANNOUNCES BRIGHTMOOR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Project area includes portion of Rosedale Park

The City of Detroit Planning Department has announced the early stages of a neighborhood development plan for Brightmoor and some surrounding communities. The project area includes one part of Rosedale Park, between Evergreen and Outer Drive, south of Fenkell. The project area also includes Minock Park and Westwood Park, which is directly south of Stoepel Park. The scope of the project includes the removal of dozens of vacant buildings in Brightmoor, large-scale storm water mitigation work, and economic development along Fenkell Street.

The following information can be found on the City of Detroit's Planning and Development Department project page.

Brightmoor Framework Plan

The Planning and Development Department is working to develop a comprehensive neighborhood framework plan that includes the identification of vacant public land landscape, parks, housing redevelopment, economic development, utilization of public vacant land, and Green Stormwater Infrastructure strategies for the Brightmoor Framework Area.

This project seeks to revitalize an area of Northwest Detroit that includes 12 neighborhoods by embracing neighborhoods with diverse levels of occupancy, vacant public land, strong economic development, and stormwater challenges. A successful design team will provide synergetic strategies that improve residents' quality of life and strengthen economic development along the Fenkell corridor. The overall recommendations expected should promote diverse housing options, elevate neighborhood vibrancy, propose sustainable uses for vacant land, and address stormwater/flooding issues that hamper the region.

Our Framework Plan Priorities

- Vacancy
- Housing
- Parks
- Streetscapes and Corridors
- Parks and Open Space

Brightmoor Area Project Map



CITY OF DETROIT'S OMBUDSMAN

Did you know that the City of Detroit's Office of the Ombudsman was first chartered more than 40 years ago? It is designed to provide protection for the individual citizen, businessperson, or developer, where there is a lack of follow-up or city services rendered.

The Ombudsman is appointed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Detroit City Council to a 10-year term under the City of Detroit 2012 Charter (Article 7.5, Chapter 4, Sec.7.5-401., Sec.7.5-417). The City of Detroit Ombudsman, Bruce Simpson, is a liaison between the City of Detroit and all persons who have a complaint or inquiry into the operation of a city department or conduct of a city employee. Ombudsman Simpson works as an independent oversight to provide individuals with an opportunity of providing a confidential avenue to address complaints. The Office proposes policy and procedural changes when systemic issues are identified.

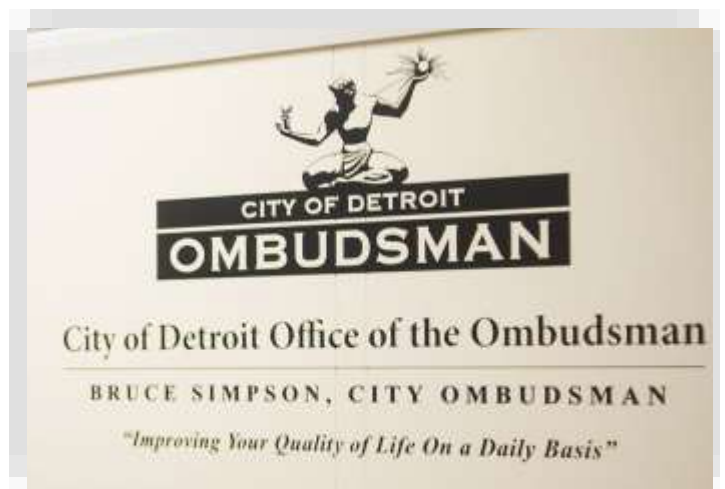
As an investigative agency, their responsibilities include processing all complaints, inquiries, and advocating for the delivery of city public services.

The Office of the Ombudsman Delivers:

- ✓ A confidential free of charge service to address complaints.
- ✓ An independent review and analysis of complaints or inquiries involving City services or City employees, with the purpose of identifying a resolution.
- ✓ Thorough investigations of a complaint or inquiry and makes recommendations to the appropriate City department or person to resolve the matter.
- ✓ Prompt response and follow-up on each complaint or inquiry.
- ✓ When appropriate, the identity of barriers that interfere with, or prevent an efficient resolution of a complaint or inquiry.
- ✓ In-depth written responses and maintains chronicles related to the action taken in response to the complaint or inquiry.

To contact the City of Detroit Ombudsman office, call (313) 224-6000

Submitted By: Cora A. Duncan-Foster
Grandmont Board of Directors



HOW TO PREVENT AUTO THEFT AND CARJACKING



Minimize the chances of vehicle robbery - and personal injury

Having your vehicle stolen is bad enough, but carjacking—having it taken while you're behind the wheel—is potentially dangerous, even lethal. Foil would-be car thieves and keep yourself safe with these precautions.

Motor vehicle theft takes a human as well as a financial toll

A motor vehicle—car, SUV, truck, bus or motorcycle—is stolen in the United States approximately every 45 seconds. In addition, parts of cars, like airbags and catalytic converters (which are stolen for their recycling value) are stolen out of the cars themselves. Cars and car parts stolen in the United States often wind up on overseas markets, making recovery impossible. Although armed auto theft represents a small percentage of the incidents, carjacking is a violent crime that can add a dire emotional toll and even bodily harm to the financial loss.

Auto theft is covered under the comprehensive portion of a car insurance policy. However, as always, it's better to prevent a loss than to deal with the fallout of having your vehicle stolen.

Prevent motor vehicle theft

There are a number of things that make your vehicle attractive to thieves—including make, model and the value of certain parts. Know that it's not always the most valuable, the flashiest or the most expensive car makes and models that are most desirable. So whatever your car, don't make it convenient for would-be criminals. Take these precautionary measures—and check with your insurer; some may even help lower your premium.

- **Keep your doors locked and windows shut** anytime you're not in your car, even for a few minutes.
- **Make valuables invisible.** Don't give thieves more motivation to break into your car. If you have to leave personal property in your car, keep it in the trunk. Even in areas you think are safe, don't leave a purse or other valuables on the car seat unattended.
- **Park in secure, highly trafficked and well-lit areas.** In public parking garages or areas, stay as close as possible to guard booths or store entrances. Best case, keep your car in a garage and always lock the door to your home garage.
- **Make use of anti-theft devices.** Use a security device like a steering wheel lock or a gearshift column lock—the more difficult it is to take the car, the less likely a would-be thief will target your vehicle. Most new cars include tracking devices, which can help locate a stolen car, but these are available for purchase and installation into older cars, as well. Check with your insurance pro about how your anti-theft device might qualify you for a discount.
- **Exploit your vehicle identification (VIN) number.** The VIN number is utilized by a number of law enforcement agencies and databases and insurance databases to make it harder for car thieves to sell a stolen car or its parts. The VIN is usually found on the dashboard on the driver's side of the car. Mark your VIN prominently: Use paint or an indelible marker to put the VIN under the engine hood and trunk lid and on the battery. This will make it harder for thieves to unload the car, and make it easier for the police to identify the vehicle if recovered.

If the worst happens and your car is stolen, you'll want to file a police report. Then check that your policy covers car theft and get the claims process started. Notify your insurance professional about the incident as soon as possible—the longer you wait, the harder it will be to remember the details. Note that many insurance companies now use mobile apps, which can help you get the claims filing process started immediately.

Prevent carjacking

Although carjacking is relatively rare, because carjackers are armed when they commit their crimes, it is especially dangerous. Avoid being a carjacking target with these additional precautions:


- Always have your mobile phone handy—and charged.
- Avoid being alone in your vehicle in certain areas, such as high crime neighborhoods, isolated roads and intersections and desolate areas of parking lots.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Pay special attention to people who seem to be lurking or cars that suspiciously follow you into drive-ways. Call 911 and use your key fob or other car alarm if you feel a threat.
- Be wary of how carjackers lure victims. These include bumping your car, pretending to be stranded motorists or flashing their lights as if there were something wrong with your car. In each of these scenarios, you might be tempted to pull over—only to have your car taken. Stay inside with the windows shut and the door locked and, if you feel a threat, drive to the nearest police or fire station.
- Practice safe parking. Stick to well-lit areas. If you have any doubts about where you parked after the fact, find a security guard to accompany you to your vehicle.
- Don't sit in your car with the door unlocked or the windows rolled down.
- Don't stop at isolated ATMs, which might put you and your bank accounts as well as your car in danger.

HAVE YOU VISITED YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY LATELY?

Annette Lotharp, Branch manager at the Redford Branch, attended the Grandmont Community meeting and shared all of the wonderful events/programs available at the Redford Library. Did you know they host “Wellness Wednesday, where one week you can learn the latest hustles and then the next week you can take care of your mind, body and soul with Pose Yoga? Interested in joining a book club? The Redford Book Club meets every first Monday of the month. Need free notary service, math tutoring or computer classes? Those are services offered as well. Did you know your library card connects you to so many additional services such as photocopying and printing (wireless and remote); access to public computers and WiFi; one-to-one computer assistance; digital apps that provide additional electronic checkout options (as a side note, I personally love using the Hoopla app to checkout books (audio and e-book), movies, comics and music), and Lap-top-to-Go and Hotspot-to-Go? Can you believe it! You can actually check out a laptop computer and/or hotspot to use at home for up to 90 days! Head on over to the Redford Branch and enjoy all of the wonderful events being offered.

Sandi Rideaux-Miller

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REDFORD BOOK CLUB 2023 Reading List

- 1st Monday of each month**
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Everyone welcome – please join us!
- 2023 books**
- January 9th
Fatal Glow—Valerie Wilson Wesley
 - February 6th
Steal—James Patterson
 - March 6th
Don't Cry for Me—Daniel Black
 - April 3rd
Something Old, Something New—Beverly Jenkins
 - May 1st
Blood Grove—Walter Mosley

- June 5th
Shadows Reel—C.J. Box
 - July 3rd
Sparring Partners—John Grisham
 - August 7th
Finding Me—Viola Davis
 - September 11th
When No One Is Watching—Alyssa Cole
 - October 2nd
The Light We Carry—Michele Obama
 - November 6th
1st Case—James Patterson
 - December 4th
Take My Hand—Dolen Perkins-Valdez
- Books will be available at the reference desk for checkout the month before the book club meets.**
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Pose Yoga - 6:00 p.m.
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EXHIBITORS WANTED!

Exhibit at the Grandmont Community Association Youth & Education Community Expo

The Grandmont Community Association (GCA) Youth & Education Committee is looking for youth organizations and/or programs with a youth focused program to be exhibitors at our Community Expo held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, during the GCA Annual Community Business Meeting.

For more event information or to reserve your exhibitor table, please contact (313) 473-9603 or email gcayouthandeducation@gmail.com.

Calling ALL Good Neighbors!
"CLAP IN" at Edison Elementary

WED, FEBRUARY 8, 2023
AT 7:15 AM
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Join the staff at Edison Elementary and the GCA Youth & Education Committee as we "clap in" the students!

Grandmont Residents who would like to participate are asked to meet at Edison Elementary at 7:15am until about 7:40am to clap as the students enter the building. Let's show our support and encourage these scholars!

8 WAYS TO HONOR BLACK HISTORY

By: Terri E. Givens, CEO and Founder of Brighter Higher Ed

It's not an understatement to describe the events of the last few years as historic, and particularly for Black Americans. Last year, the nation inaugurated its first Black vice president, a woman and a graduate of a historically Black university, and Georgia sent its first Black senator to the Capitol.

February is Black History Month, where we honor the incredible contributions the Black community has made throughout U.S. history - from civil rights leaders to artists, politicians to inventors - and we celebrate the Black history that's being made today and every day. There are plenty of ways that everyone can commemorate the month and celebrate Black heroes from the comfort of home. From supporting Black-owned businesses to donating to charities supporting anti-racism efforts and watching educational documentaries, here are eight ways you can celebrate Black history - not just this month, but all year round.

1. Support Black-Owned Businesses

Many Black-owned businesses still face structural racism, which poses a unique threat to their longevity and ability to serve their communities' needs. An estimated 40 percent of Black business owners had already closed their doors between February and April of 2020. This number is twice the decline experienced by white business owners. Becoming a customer — specifically during February when these companies have a lot more visibility — is a great way to celebrate. Don't know where to start? Online marketplace Miiirya showcases Black-owned businesses in a range of categories, from fashion, art, beauty, home decor, and more. Find other companies by searching the #blackowned hashtag online.

2. Learn About Noteworthy Black Figures and Their Contributions

Typically, Black History Month draws associations with well-known figures like Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. and activist Rosa Parks, but there are many others to learn about. For example, there's Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to Congress. And Fannie Lou Hamer, a Black activist from Mississippi who launched Freedom Farm Cooperative (FFC), an initiative to purchase land that Black people could collectively own and farm. Visit BlackPast.org for an extensive list of other notable Black figures.

3. Donate to Charities That Support Anti-Racism, Equity and Equality

Given the ongoing public protests against police brutality, charities and organizations that support anti-racism equity and equality need donors to continue their collective work to seek justice for the Black community. Consider donating to the Black Youth Project, Loveland Therapy Fund, Amistad Law Project, as well as grassroots organizations that oftentimes don't receive widespread publicity.

4. Purchase, Read, and Share Books by Black Authors

Add Black authors to your reading list. Edward E. Baptist's "The Half Has Never Been Told" takes an in-depth look at slavery's role in the "evolution and modernization of the United States." My own book, "Radical Empathy: Finding a Path to Bridging Racial Divides," discusses the many ways that Black people are impacted by structural racism. Through storytelling, I help others not only understand the impact of racism, but also to practice empathy.

5. Support and Learn About Black Women

I'm reminded of the impact of structural racism on the women in my family, and how they helped pave the way for me to achieve success in life. It's incredibly important to have Black women at the table as major policies are being developed and discussed. Today, we see Black women in America taking their place at the highest levels of government. I'm so proud of the work done by women like Stacey Abrams, Kamala Harris, and thousands across the country who volunteered and got out to vote. As Amanda Gorman said in her magnificent poem on inauguration day:

*We the successors of a country and a time
Where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single mother
can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one*

6. Listen to or Read "The 1619 Project" by the New York Times (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>)

"The 1619 Project" is a long-form historical recounting of the role slavery played in the transformation of America. The project references the year 1619, in which the first ship carrying enslaved Africans reached the shores of the colony of Virginia. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and project creator Nikole Hannah Jones hosts a podcast that dissects the link between slavery and American economics, the co-opting of Black musicians' work, and the obstacles Black people faced with receiving healthcare and land ownership rights.

7. Participate in Online Events

Throughout the month of February, the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) offers a range of virtual events and conversations that affirm and preserve the accomplishments of African Americans throughout history. Check out the full offering at <https://nmaahc.si.edu/events/upcoming>.

8. Attend Virtual Black History Month Celebrations

There's no shortage of virtual online Black History Month celebrations — from Questlove's new animated Disney series for kids to reading up on this year's Black History Month theme of Black health and wellness. In NMAAHC's Black History Month toolkit, you'll find everything from curated stories to a searchable museum to a new recipe to make at home. To find more locally-focused celebrations, check your city or state government websites for local listings for Black History Month events like online poetry events, scavenger hunts, art exhibitions, performances, and more.

Submitted by: Cora A. Duncan-Foster

Grandmont Community Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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(COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2 OF GRANDMONITOR)

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

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This service covers curb to curb snow plowing from Asbury Park to Archdale, Southfield to Schoolcraft for snowfall **over 2 in.** in Grandmont only.

To help with optimal snow removal so we can get the most out of our service for this year, please remember to park your cars in your driveway or garage and place trash and recycling cans on the curb and **not** on the street.

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-Larissa Richardson
 Grandmont Community Association President



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February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	Happy Groundhog Day!	3 BULK/RECYCLE/ TRASH	4 10AM—GCA Community Board Meeting Zoom
5	6 6PM—Grandmont Patrol Meeting—Zoom	7	8 10AM - Tentative “Coffee with a Cop” Meeting	9	10	11 10AM - GRANDMONT YOUTH & EDUCATION - ZOOM
12	13	Happy Valentine's Day	15	16	17 BULK/RECYCLE/ TRASH	18
19	Presidents Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 7:00 - 8TH PCT. POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING	28				
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