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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/)

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/
GRANDMONTCOMMUNITYASSOCIATION/](https://www.facebook.com/grandmontcommunityassociation/)

JOIN THE GCA BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM:

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MEMBERSHIP

We are grateful to all of those who have committed and donated their time to helping our community thrive, but there is still much more to do! Our community needs your help to preserve this work. Grandmont's membership dues help to provide critical services for our community and neighbors every year. Membership dues help provide snow removal services, safety, beautification, and other services for our community. Every contribution counts and matters! Membership dues for residents are \$30 for the entire year and \$10 for residents who live in the Southfield and Longacre Apartments. Please consider becoming a Grandmont Community Association member and contributing to our community today!

You can use a credit/debit card on the website or mail a check/money order to Grandmont Community Association or "GCA" to P.O. Box 27790 Detroit, MI 48227.

Again, thank you for being a part of our community and being "The Home of Good Neighbors".

SAVE THE DATE!

Join the Grandmont Community at our upcoming
Annual Community Business Meeting and
Community Expo & Book Exchange

When: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Where: New St. Paul Tabernacle's gymnasium
Located at: 15340 Southfield Service Dr.
(Parking in the back & on Keeler St.)

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00 pm

Dues are still only \$30 & \$10 for Southfield Service Dr.

Come for the fun, informative expo, meet & vote for Board candidates, pay your dues, see how your dues are utilized, participate in the raffles, get updated on the happenings, & mingle with your neighbors while you enjoy lunch.

Questions? Contact Ethel 313-864-3666 or Kris 313-300-3760

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2023-2024

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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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Water and Sewer	313-267-8000
DTE Energy	1-800-482-8720 (Mon-Fri, 8 AM-6 PM)
Ramsay Park Police (Not in force until April)	313-596-2186 (office) 734-931-0846 (cell)
Waste Management	844-233-8764

Grandmont Community Meetings
- all are welcome -

Mar 4 Apr 1
May 6 June 3

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!

Meetings

Grandmont Patrol Meetings

Mar 6 Apr 3
May 1 June 5

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

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 6:30PM. 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

February Meeting Recap!



We had many representatives from our city and community share out updates for the community. Annette Lotharp from Detroit Public Library Redford Branch shared about various exciting programming events coming up such as laptops and hotspots available for checkout from the library for 3 months, Wellness Wednesday Yoga and Hustle, Mobile Health Clinic, Mental Health Mondays, Book Clubs and Ancestry and Genealogy classes. Steele Hughes shared that we are pushing for beautification in District 1 as we have the least amount of blight compared to the other districts in Detroit. There are many opportunities for jobs and training for Detroiters of all ages! The city will also be moving to make bulk trash pickup happen weekly. Lynn McNeal asked for our input as we begin to move into the city budget planning season. What are the neighborhood's priorities and how would we like to see them reflected in the city's budget?

The plans for the Annual Meeting's return to April are underway and Krystal shared her plans to hold it at New St. Paul Tabernacle Church on April 29 at 1 pm. Krystal Thurmond received \$730 from the board to begin preparations for the event (food, paper products, copies for programs). The Election Committee has begun to prepare for the upcoming election held during the annual meeting and to review the current process. The committee encourages all potential nominees to make sure their biographies and photos are submitted to Larissa by 3/17 for inclusion in the March and/or April Grandmonitor.

Cora Duncan Foster shared updates from Rippling Hope which is in a transitional process following the loss of Carl Zerwick in December 2022. There is a group coming from Boston College in March that will be helping to organize the center and Cora asked for a donation of \$200 to help feed these volunteers. The board approved this donation.

Samantha Bonaparte
GCA Board Member and Secretary

**WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**

MARCH 2023



March is National Reading Month!

During the month of March, Edison Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair on March 20-24th. The school is looking for cash donations so that every child can buy a book. The average book cost is \$8-\$14 and the team at Edison Elementary would like to make sure every scholar can go home with a book.

Grandmont Residents wishing to help students at Edison Elementary purchase a book, by making a cash donation, should contact the Edison Elementary School office at (313) 852-1066 for more details.

VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE (VPTF)/ ENVIRONMENTAL

Letters have been sent to a few households asking for compliance with code violations. Phone and letter communication is underway on a few vacant houses in need of better maintenance. **What are some of the concerns you have about our Community?** Please let us know if you are taking care of a vacant property or improving the Grandmont neighborhood in ways we may not be aware of.

Bring yourself, your ideas, and concerns to our Annual Meeting Saturday, April 29. Meet your neighbors, learn about Grandmont, and see how we as volunteers, spend the very reasonable \$30 yearly dues we depend on to provide value, services, and resources, while strengthening our neighborhood for future generations.

Diane Patterson
Vacant Property Chair

We have been fortunate this mild winter, not to encounter all the normal challenges of snow, ice and extremely cold weather. A lack of snow has allowed us the luxury of placing and removing our black waste canisters easily for disposal pickup. That compliancy may cause us to relax and remove the waste canisters off the street later rather than sooner. Please remove the canisters both black and recycling the day of pickup.

Please take both canisters to the backyard, past the side door, past the gate on the driveway, to the back area by the garage. If you share the driveway with your neighbor, be reminded that no one wants to neither see nor smell garbage/trash when entering and leaving home. Be concerned that the furry critters also ramble through your canisters for a meal. The footprint is a mess of garbage scattered in the driveway and perhaps beyond.

Let's work together and continue to make our community clean, safe and healthy. Holler at your neighbor assist them when needed to remove the canisters from the street. Pick up canisters when knocked over in the street, while driving. Caring and sharing environmental responsibilities benefits us all in the "community of GOOD Neighbors".

Harrison R. Duke III
Environmental Chair

DETROIT WAYNE MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

DWMHA is a safety net organization that provides a full array of services and supports to persons within our behavioral health system. It serves over 80,000 citizens in Detroit and Wayne County with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. The following programs, as well as a 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (800-241-4949) are offered:

- Adult Mental Health Services Program
- Developmental Disability Services Program
- Children's Mental Health Services Program
- Substance Abuse Services Program
- Mental Health Access Center Program
- Rights and Customer Supports Program
- Mental Health Oversight/Monitoring Program

WHAT I LEARNED AT "COFFEE WITH A COP"

About 30 people attended the in-person "Coffee with a Cop" meeting held, Wednesday February 8, 2023, at the 8th Precinct, enjoying coffee, snacks and conversation. A lot of information was shared with the participants, including the fact that the Michigan State Police train all police officers in crisis intervention. The Crisis Intervention Unit has two teams (Eastside and Westside) that operate from 11am-3pm to assist with mental health issues. Each Precinct has one officer training in crisis intervention, Sgt. Johns at the 8th Precinct.

The 8th Precinct Community Relations Meeting is held the last Monday of the month at the Precinct in the auditorium. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on March 27th (they don't meet in Jan/Feb). This is another chance to meet our officers and NPO's and establish better communication, share resources, exchange information, and perhaps solve some neighborhood concerns.


8th Precinct Commander Vernal Newson introduced himself and shared his cell number 313-236-7615. His 30+ years of experience (pretty much everything except for Harbor Patrol) well-prepared him for his assignment at the 8th Precinct. He is a believer in the "broken window theory" and will work toward better 'quality of life' concerns and blight elimination. Community involvement is requested and expected to problem solve in our neighborhoods. Commander Newson didn't shy away from difficult conversations relating to current policing events.

In addition to the city-wide Park Police resuming in April, the 8th Precinct will utilize a team of three officers beginning in May to address specifically 8th Precinct Parks, and noise and curfew enforcement if needed.

Call 911 if you hear shots fired, even if you can't determine exactly where they are coming from (you can request anonymity). It's as if it didn't happen since there is no call on record to investigate. Shot-Spotter has expanded to provide quicker response, but police can't investigate (casings, shells, etc.) if no one has called 911. **Call - Don't assume someone else has already called.**

The Library/Community Room renovation is progressing but is still behind schedule due to monitoring issues and minor code repairs. Sgt. Johns and many NPO's were on hand to answer questions, take complaints, and explain procedures.

The next "Coffee with a Cop" meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 10am at the 8th Precinct (21555 W.McNichols - 313-596-5800) behind the Meijer's on Grand River.



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!

GRANDMONT YOUTH COMMITTEE

EXHIBITORS WANTED AT THE GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMUNITY EXPO

The Grandmont Community Association (GCA) Youth & Education Committee is seeking 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.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! GIVE A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK!

Has your child "leveled up" and moved to their next reading level? Has your child's reading interest changed? What do you do with that stack of books they've already read? You should attend the GCA Youth & Education Book Swap on Saturday, April 29, 2023 during the GCA Annual Community Business Meeting from 1pm to 4pm.

Bring your gently used books for ages pre-school through 12th grade to the GCA Youth & Education Book Swap and exchange them for a different or new book. This is a great way to enhance your home library and share your books with others in the Grandmont community.

For more information regarding these two events, please contact (313) 473-9603 or email gcayouthandeducation@gmail.com.

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ROSEDALE GRANDMONT BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ONLINE

Rosedale Grandmont Baseball League's online registration for 2023 season is now live at rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org

Please spread the word far and wide – the league is open to all players throughout the surrounding communities for boys and girls aged 3 to 16. Kindly register early to secure a spot for your player(s) and to take advantage of the Dick Sporting Goods League Appreciation 20% off event March 3-6.

Most questions can be answered by clicking this link: <https://www.rosedalegrandmontbaseball.org/faq/>. Feel free to send an email to rosedalegrandmontbaseball@gmail.com if you have further questions.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Attention: All Parents of Grandmont Community Association

Graduating High School Seniors

Grandmont Community Association has been giving out scholarships to high school scholars since 1997. A total of 44 high school graduates have received a scholarship. Our vision is to enhance the education of our youth by awarding scholarships. Not only does this scholarship encourage education and higher learning, but it inspires visions of future successes for your child. To continue this effort, parents, we need your support.

Your role in this process as a parent is to:

- ✓ Support and encourage your child to apply for the scholarship;
- ✓ Make certain your child is eligible by assisting them with completing all requirements;
- ✓ Serve as a good proofreader for their essay;
- ✓ Check to make sure that all documents are copied and submitted by June 30th.

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2023 GRANDMONT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

- ◆ A one or two page (typed) autobiographical essay which includes career objective, personal goals, educational plans and any important information concerning why you should be considered;
- ◆ List of awards and achievements;
- ◆ Two (2) letters of recommendation on letterhead from a teacher, counselor, community leader, coach, mentor, advisor, minister, or employer;
- ◆ Copy of high school transcript;
- ◆ Copy of report card

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must:

- ◆ Be active in the Grandmont Community. **Parents must be active as well.**
- ◆ Have paid dues to the Grandmont Community Association for the past three consecutive years. However, the previous dues payments are waived for new residents.
- ◆ Have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or better.
- ◆ Be accepted at a post-secondary institution. Verification will be requested.
- ◆ Be interviewed by the GCA Scholarship Committee.

The revised application will be available in April. Contact C. Duncan-Foster for an application by phoning (313) 273-7914. Return completed packet by June 30, 2023.

Cora Duncan-Foster
Scholarship Chair





Vote for your Grandmont Community Association Board! This is an opportunity for residents to be engaged and participate in the process for electing **five** of 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, April 29, 2023 @ 1 pm, New St. Paul Tabernacle Gymnasium (Southfield Service Drive and Keeler).

As a reminder, you must be a current 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 and became a resident of Grandmont in December 2018, when she moved on Asbury Park. She has been involved since April 2019 after attending her first Annual Meeting. 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.



Harrison Duke III has been a resident of our community of Good Neighbors for 29 years, a native Detroit, husband, father and grandfather. During this time he coached Girls Softball for our community youth, worked on the Garden Committee, Educational Committee and served on the Environment Committee 17 years, currently the Chairman. He is a strong advocate for improving the quality of life for Detroiters and brings a skill set of experience, integrity and a genuine love for the Motor City.



Krystal Thurmond is a long-time Grandmont resident who serves and has served on the GCA Board of Directors for several terms. She's also the Social Planning Chair who has volunteered on the Radio Patrol, Art Fair committee and other committee events. Krystal continues to encourage neighbor involvement, to be ears for neighbors concerns and bring those concerns and fresh ideas to the Board.



Jenise Collins is A proud Detroiter and Michigander, graduate of Cass Technical High School and Central Michigan University. She moved to Grandmont in 2018 and enjoy being a resident in such a vibrant neighborhood which encourages her to work towards making Grandmont a safe and beautiful community. She volunteers as a member of the Scholarship Committee, serves as the chairperson for the Youth & Education Committee and last year was appointed as a Board Member.

JOIN THE GCA BOARD!

Grandmont Community Association is looking for dedicated volunteers and neighbors to serve our community. Join the GCA board for the 2023-2025 term. Candidates and dues paying members interested in running for the board can submit a brief bio to us!

Contact Larissa Richardson or Sandi Miller for more information.



2023 Board Elections

Grandmont Community Association

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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.

STREET/BLOCK CAPTAINS CORNER

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 3, 2023

BLOCK/STREET CAPTAIN MEETING!

Attention **All** Captains and any interested good neighbors we welcome you to join us for our 2nd quarterly meeting of the year via Zoom! Monday, April 3rd @ 6:30 pm! Please look out for an email with the link by March 30th.

Next meetings will be held in July and October! Dates TBD! Any questions or suggestions, please contact Yolanda L Burnett (313-217-1017) or Jibreel Tatum (248-590-7585).

Yolanda Burnett
Longacre Street Captain

Get FREE Property Tax Assistance

Contact the organization closest to you for help on your 2022 HOPE* application.

Presented by:



*HOPE was formerly known as the Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP).

	ORGANIZATION NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
1	FRIENDS OF THE ALGER THEATER	(313) 720 - 3904	Jackie Grant president@algertheater.org
2	U-SNAP-BAC	(313) 640 - 1100 ext. 16	Jawana Jackson jawana@usnapbac.org
3	EASTSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK	(313) 264 - 1416	Sparkle Berry sberry@ecn-detroit.org
4	OSBORN NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE	(313) 217 - 1302	Quincy Jones qjones@onaoba.org
5	MACC DEVELOPMENT	(313) 731-2037	Edythe Ford edythe@mackave.com
6	JEFFERSON EAST, INC.	(313) 314-6414	Jacqueline Richmond resourcehub@jeffersoneast.org
7	CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN	(313) 873-0064 ext. 22	Tracy Smith trsmith@centraidetroitchristian.org
8	GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	(313) 367 - 4732 ext. 103	Jocelyn Moss jocelyn@grandmontrosedale.com
9	CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE	(313) 397 - 9280	Dr. Pat Butler rbutler@codyrouge.org
10	SOUTHWEST ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS	(313) 841 - 9641 ext. 374	Cynthia McCreary cmccreary@swsol.org
11	BRIDGING COMMUNITIES	(313) 361 - 6377	Gabby White g.white@bridgingcommunities.org

For additional assistance, please reach out to the following organizations:

BACK TAX RELIEF	DETROIT TAX RELIEF FUND	(313) 244-0274	waynemetrol.org/dtrf
HOUSING ASSISTANCE	UNITED COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION	(313) 405 - 7726	uchdetroit.org/resources
FUNDING ASSISTANCE	WAYNE METRO	(313) 388 - 9799	waynemetrol.org/cams
INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE	ACCOUNTING AID SOCIETY	(313) 556-1920	accountingaidociety.org

**GRANDMONT ROSEDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN
At Bushnell Church: 1500 Southfield Freeway; Detroit MI**



2023 Garden Season Update

Established 2009

Member: Keep Growing Detroit / Garden Resource Program

Who and What are We?

The Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden was established in 2009 by residents – and nearby friends - of the Grandmont and Rosedale neighborhoods in northwest Detroit. We are located on Archdale just south of Grand River Avenue. (Near Bushnell Church) Startup costs for raised beds, fencing, tool etc. were provided by grants funds that were received by the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation. Additional grants and donations for infrastructure improvements have been received as well. Over the years, a variety of volunteers (Detroit Project Day and others) have assisted with projects including replacing/ adding raised beds and fencing. Anyone who is interested and able to contribute to the work of maintaining the garden is invited to “join” us. There is no formal membership and no gardening experience is necessary. This is a collaborative, community effort. Everyone shares in the work and everyone benefits from the harvest.

The Buzz

In 2021, one of our gardeners added a couple of bee hives to the lot where we garden. Bees are great pollinators-good for gardens. The hives are away from most of the plants, and if not bothered-they generally mind their own business. There were a few stings in early 2022- the very early hot weather seemed to put “the girls” on edge. Please be observant and take particular care if you are allergic to bee stings.

Costs/ Fees

The costs for maintaining the garden are relatively low for our large garden space. They include:

- ◆ Membership in the Garden Resource Program- Seeds and Transplants
- ◆ Compost to add to the raised beds
- ◆ Property taxes for the land we garden on
- ◆ Miscellaneous: Tools, trash bags, etc.
- ◆ Gas for lawnmower and lawnmower repair; repair for fencing.

In a typical year total cost for the garden may be \$200-\$300. Cash contributions and donations of goods from those who participate in the garden cover these expenses. The annual requested donation to cover those costs will be determined in the spring. For 2023 the requested donation is \$25 if you are new to the garden, and \$10 if you are a returning gardener. This is a requested donation; not a membership fee. Donations can be given to Vicki McLellan (cash or check or Venmo- Vicki McLellan @Vicki-McLellan-1)

Schedule:

We gather in the early spring at the Community Garden. This is a time to reconnect with folks we may not have seen over the winter, meet new gardeners and talk about the upcoming garden season. Work at the garden generally starts in late March or early April. The first garden work days are on a Saturday morning, for a few hours. Beds are cleared, trash picked up. Plans for planting are made and some trellis/ support structures for plants are installed.

Spring-Fall: Our usual garden gathering time is on Wednesday at 6:00 pm, for one to two hours, depending on how many gardeners are able to come and how much work there is to do. In the first weeks of the season, we plant and water. (We have a rain catchment system). During the summer we weed (a lot!), water the plants, clean up the lot, and harvest. We also have regular Saturday morning work days at 10:00 am for those who are able to attend. This is important during the summer to water the plants when rain has been scarce-and to harvest the always ripening produce. If you are interested in participating in the Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden, but your schedule does not allow you to join us on Wednesday evenings, please still join us. We will be there on Saturday morning as well.

Gardening During Covid

The community garden was fully functioning throughout 2020- during the pandemic. The space is large enough that gardeners were able to maintain a good distance between each other. Please feel free to wear a mask or not - depending on your comfort level.

What You Receive:

Great tasting and healthy vegetables (and some fruit), a bit of exercise, and a great time with your neighbors. You are welcome to join us!

For more information, email us at GRcommgarden@gmail.com

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM THE CITY OF DETROIT



2023

2023 Information from the City of Detroit
Department of Public Works

The Dos and Don'ts of Bulk Collection

The City is reminding residents to follow the guidelines regarding bulk items and yard waste. Residents must adhere to the following guidelines to ensure your items will be picked up on your scheduled collection day and to prevent being ticketed.

Illegal Dumping

Placing items at vacant lots and vacant homes is prohibited. Avoid getting a ticket by following our guidelines. To report illegal dumping, please use the *Improve Detroit* mobile app.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS are NOT accepted at the curb

- If you have sinks, cabinets, windows, shingles, concrete, etc., contact the Department of Public Works for an affordable, paid pickup service OR take the items to J. Foss for a fee.
- Have questions? Call the Department of Public Works at 313-876-8004

Keeping Bulk Items Under the Limit

- Bulk items should be no more than 1000 pounds or exceed two cubic yards in volume (about the size of two stoves).
- ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include furniture, appliances, hot water tanks, carpeting, mattresses, large toys, etc.
- Remove doors from appliances first.
- Carpet should be cut in strips, no more than 4 feet wide, rolled and tied in bundles no more than 60 pounds per bundle.
- All refrigerants need to be drained from appliances first.
- UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS include: remodeling or construction debris, household hazardous waste, flammables, explosives, paint, batteries, hazardous or medical wastes, fuel, oil, tires, car parts, needles, radioactive materials, chemicals, etc.

Did you know DPW offers Paid Pickup?

DPW provides affordable curbside pickup for bulk and yard waste items that may exceed the City's collection limits. Call 313-876-8004 to request a quote today.



Contact DPW • 313-876-8004 • www.detroitmi.gov/dpw
Follow us on social media: Instagram @Detroit_DPW • Facebook City of Detroit Department of Public Works

Start recycling today! detroitrecycles.org

The City offers curbside recycling to all single-family homes and houses with up to 4 residential units. Join thousands of your neighbors who are protecting their environment by recycling. Just visit detroitrecycles.org to play our educational game and sign up for your free container.

You can now place **paper drink cups** in your recycling container. Please take the lids off, and make sure the cups are empty!

What goes in the container?

Place items loose in container. Do not bag recyclables.



FREE TEXT ALERTS

Sign up to receive FREE weekly reminders about your trash, bulk and recycling collection. All you have to do is text your street address to 313-888-7N65 to enroll.



D. Fares

Regional Passes

The Dart Passes allow unlimited rides on DDOT and SMART buses and the QLINE streetcar.

	Full	Reduced*
4-Hour Dart Pass	\$2	\$0.50
24-Hour Dart Pass	\$5	\$2
7-Day Dart Pass	\$22	\$10
31-Day Dart Pass	\$70	\$29

DDOT Passes

The DDOT Passes allow unlimited rides on DDOT buses.

	Full	Reduced*
7-Day DDOT Pass	\$17	\$8
31-Day DDOT Pass	\$50	\$17
DDOT Student ID Card <small>Applies to students in grades 9-12, who do not have a school-issued ID.</small>		\$2

* Seniors (ages 65 and older), people with disabilities, Medicare recipients, and students with a school-issued ID are eligible for a reduced fare. An application is required.



Detroit Health Department

Effective Monday, February 27, 2023

COVID-19
VACCINATIONS
& TESTING

moving to

DETROIT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
100 Mack Avenue

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CLOSED PERMANENTLY
Effective Friday, February 24, 2023

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES!

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Are you an SSA or SSI recipient?
Is your household income under \$60,000?
You May Qualify for Free Tax Preparation Services

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- Child Tax Credit
- Home Heating Credit
- Property Tax Credits

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Scan this code to visit www.WayneMetro.org/Taxes
or call 313-388-9799 or 313-244-0274

REPORTING UNWANTED SCAM CALLS!

Want to know more?
Sign up for Consumer Alerts at ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts.

Please Report Scams

If you get scam calls, illegal robocalls, or unwanted text messages, please report them to the Federal Trade Commission.

- Go online: ReportFraud.ftc.gov
- Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or TTY 1-866-653-4261.

Your report can help protect other people. By reporting fraud, you can help the FTC's investigators identify the scammers and stop them before they can get someone's hard-earned money. It really makes a difference.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ftc.gov/PassItOn

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE HOME HEATING CREDIT

WAYNE METRO INCOME TAX

Home Heating Credit

Filing Deadline: September 30th

Services provided at No Cost to you!

About The Home Heating Credit

"This important tax credit can provide some relief as we enter into the fall heating season, leaving more money available for other critical needs." -CEDAM

"In order to qualify, residents must be a homeowner, or a renter with a contracted lease, and meet income requirements." -CEDAM

The average qualified Michigan household received \$216 in assistance last year!

Schedule your appointment!
(313) 244-0274
waynemetro.org/taxes

Required Documents:

- Social security card
- Your picture ID (Drivers license or state ID)
- Proof of Income
- Home Heating Credit amount (Unless Heat is included in Rent)

Contact your heating provider for the Amount!

Stay Warm! Winter is Coming!

MICHIGAN HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

If you're struggling to pay your mortgage, property taxes, association fees or utility bills because of the COVID-19 pandemic, MIHAF is here to help. If you're a homeowner struggling to pay your mortgage, you may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in financial assistance. Apply today. Michigan.gov/MIHAF or call Customer Service 844-756-4423.

MICHIGAN HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

To apply: 844-756-4423 or Michigan.gov/MIHAF

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VISIT THE REDFORD LIBRARY!



DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Wayne Health Mobile Unit in partnership
The Detroit Public Libraries

- WHMU Services:
- Blood pressure screening
- General health screening: diabetes, cholesterol, kidney function screening
- COVID-19 vaccinations (5+ years old) (manufacturer and boosters subject to availability)
- COVID-19 PCR testing (3+ years old) for symptomatic individuals *we do not offer routine screenings
- Influenza vaccinations *we are billing insurance for flu shots
- No appointment needed
- ID not required *we do collect if one is available
- Insurance not required *we do collect if available, but you will not receive a co-pay for this event
- Guardian authorization is required for any individuals under the age of 18 for all services outside of the HIV Screening (13 yr and up).

Location:

Redford Branch
21200 Grand River
Detroit 48219

Dates and Times

Mon Feb 13, 2023 1:00-5:00pm
Wed Mar 22, 2023 1:00-5:00pm
Sat Apr 15, 2023 1:00-5:00pm
Mon May 22, 2023 1:00-5:00pm
Fri Jun 23, 2023 1:00-5:00pm
Fri Jun 30, 2023 1:00-5:00pm



If you have any questions or comments, please call 313-448-9850 or visit, waynehealthcares.org



DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Redford Branch
Presents:

Michigan SBDC

STARTING A BUSINESS

Thursdays,
March 2 & April 6, 2023
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This seminar is designed for individuals who are considering self-employment or who may be at the beginning stages of starting a business. It will help aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services. Start-up costs, financing options and business planning are introduced, along with necessary steps to getting started. We'll also address some of the challenges and opportunities of starting a business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Redford Branch
Presents:



After School Story Time

Wednesdays, January 4 - May 24, 2023
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Weekly Storytime and Crafts

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COMPUTER CLASSES @ REDFORD BRANCH

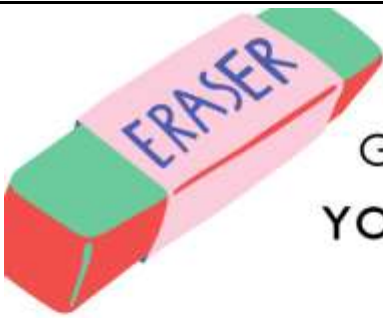
COMPUTER CLASSES & ONE ON ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

See the Reference Librarian to sign up or register for an upcoming class

Upcoming Classes

1. **Finding Your Roots---Genealogy Essentials**
 - How to use online databases through DPL to research your ancestry
 - Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
 - 10:30AM-12:00N
2. **ONE ON ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE**
 - Every Wednesday from 6:00PM-7:30PM
 - Make an appointment to meet with a Technology Training Associate who will provide individual assistance to you on our computer or assist on a technology-related topic of your choice.
 - Each appointment is 20 minutes
 - NOTE: Unable to provide assistance on personal devices, ie. Laptops, cellphones, etc.



Grandmont Community Association
YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE



SCHOOL SUPPLIES & BACKPACK DRIVE

Saturday, April 29, 2023 | 1 to 4 PM

DROP OFF LOCATION:

New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ
Located at 15340 Southfield Freeway, Detroit, Michigan

*Collection of items will take place during the
GCA Annual Community Business Meeting!*

**WE NEED PENCILS, PAPER,
HIGHLIGHTERS, ERASERS,
BACKPACKS, GLUE, CRAYONS,
NOTEBOOKS, ETC.**

**DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT
CHILDREN IN THE GRANDMONT
COMMUNITY!**

**For more information, call (313) 473-9603 or
email gca youthandeducation@gmail.com**

MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED!



Grandmont Community Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE(S): _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE ADD MY EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

GRANDMONT INFORMATION NETWORK _____ GRANDMONT CRIME ALERT _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD _____

MEMBERSHIP YEAR(S) BEING PAID:

2021 _____ 2023 _____
 2022 _____ 2024 _____

ADDITIONAL DONATION \$ _____

Please mail with check or money order for \$30.⁰⁰ per year
 (\$15.⁰⁰ for Southfield & Longacre Apartments) to:

"GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION" OR "G.C.A."
 P.O. Box 27790 Detroit, MI 48227

I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FOLLOWING GCA COMMITTEES:

(COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2 OF GRANDMONITOR)

- _____ Arts & Craft Fair
- _____ Beautification
- _____ By-Laws
- _____ 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

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE WITH PAYPAL:

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

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

If you wish to pay for multiple years, please:

Dues Year
 2021... \$30.00 USD

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

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



Grandmont Community Association

Grandmonitor Advertising Request Form

Business Information

Date of Application: _____

Company Name: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____ Website: _____

All ads are applicable to advance payment in full. (Circle payment below).

Ad Size (Circle one)	2-Month	Quarterly	Yearly Subscription
Full page	\$170.00	\$325.00	\$960.00
Half page	\$105.00	\$210.00	\$620.00
Quarter page	\$70.00	\$135.00	\$270.00
Eighth page (business card size)	\$35.00	\$65.00	\$190.00
Event Ad's (dated)	\$140.00	\$80.00	\$40.00 / \$25.00
... one month	(full)	(half)	(quarter) / (eighth)

Office Use Only:
 Date Rec'd: _____ Check # _____ Amount: _____
Business Pop-ups discounts are available.

AD Size: _____ Subscription Plan: _____ Cost: _____

Submit Ad Request Form:

Please submit your ad by one of the following methods below:

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

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

** Note: Please make checks payable to Grandmont Community Association.



Friendly Reminder, Membership Dues Help Pay for Our Snow Service This Winter!

Hello Neighbor!

Thank you to the many families who have paid your membership dues. Part of your contribution to GCA through community membership dues, we are able to offer another year of snow service removal.

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.

Thank you for being a good neighbor and helping to spread the word! Stay safe!

-Larissa Richardson
 Grandmont Community Association President



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March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 RECYCLE! BULKTRASH 	4 10AM-GCA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING ZOOM
5	6 6pm-GRANDMONT PATROL MEETING -ZOOM	7	8	9	10	11 10AM - GRANDMONT YOUTH & EDUCATION - ZOOM
12 APRIL GRANDMONITOR ARTICLES DUE DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS 	13	14	15	16	17 RECYCLE! BULKTRASH ST. PATRICK'S DAYS 	18
19	20  <i>Spring begins</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 6:30 pm - 8TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING	28	29	30	31 RECYCLE! BULKTRASH 	
NOTES:						