

Grandmont Community Association

Ballot information for: 2025-2027 GCA Board of Directors

Board of Directors Candidates

Carly Adams



Q1. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on the GCA Board and/or Committees (if any).

I've attended community meetings over the years, have volunteered at the Ramsey Park Cleanups and tree plantings with the Beautification committee. I've also assisted with the Grandmont website.

Q2. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on other Boards or Committees (if any).

I served as the Social Chair and Sisterhood/Membership Chair in my sorority, and as a Member at Large for the Detroit chapter of the Parrothead Club.

Q3. Why do you want to serve on the GCA Board of Directors?

My desire to serve on the GCA Board stems from a deep appreciation for how community connections enrich our lives. Since moving here, I've been inspired by how this community supports one another, and I want to help amplify that spirit. With a background in digital marketing and communications, I can help modernize our outreach efforts and create more opportunities for meaningful connection. I'm particularly interested in working on the Social committee and Grandmonitor/website to foster micro-communities within Grandmont, creating more ways for people to meet and share their interests. By bringing neighbors together through shared activities and better communication, we can build an even stronger community where everyone feels connected, safe and welcome. I want to help every neighbor find their place within our larger community.

Q4. Please provide your vision for the future of our Grandmont community.

I see a future where Grandmont thrives through intentional community building, focusing on utilizing current or creating new accessible spaces and diverse activities that bring neighbors together naturally. Whether through small gatherings or larger events, we'll get creative to build connections without requiring significant resources. Consistency is key, and it will go a long way with building relationships between the Board and its members.

Samantha Bonaparte



Q1. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on the GCA Board and/or Committees (if any).

I am currently the Board President since 2023, I served as Secretary from 2021-2023, and I have been on the Beautification/Garden Club, Scholarship and Youth & Education Committees.

Q2. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on other Boards or Committees (if any)

I served on the Bazaar Committee at Sacred Heart Church in 2019.

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Q3. Why do you want to serve on the GCA Board of Directors?

I hope to be able to serve Grandmont on the Board for another term because I value the community and connection that it provides our neighbors and myself. I want to pour back into the community that welcomed me with open arms 6 years ago and in these times, I believe we need community now more than ever.

Q4. Please provide your vision for the future of our Grandmont community.

My goals for the future of Grandmont are to continue to have it be "Detroit's Home of Good Neighbors" as we enter our 100th year stronger than ever. I hope that we increase our membership and put a focus on events that promote connection and community for residents of all ages and our fellow Detroiters. I want us to continue to move forward while honoring the rich past and legacy of this neighborhood and its residents. I hope to strike that balance between honoring where we have been and forging a path towards the future of Grandmont.

Jenise Collins



Q1. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on the GCA Board and/or Committees (if any).

GCA Board Member- Vice President, GCA Youth & Education Committee Chairperson, GCA Scholarship Committee Member.

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Michigan Youth Arts, Michigan Dance Council, Sigma Alpha Iota Chapter President.

Q3. Why do you want to serve on the GCA Board of Directors?

I am a proud Detroiter and want to actively contribute to the well-being and future of the Grandmont Community. I believe inclusivity, compassion, collaboration, and kindness are key to igniting positive change, ensuring our neighborhood thrives for all residents. A strong leader and a team player, I am capable of collaborating effectively with board members and residents to achieve common goals. I enjoy living in Grandmont and would be proud to be chosen to serve the "Good Neighbors" of our community as a member of the GCA Board of Directors!

Q4. Please provide your vision for the future of our Grandmont community.

I see a diverse community where everyone has a voice. We are inclusive, respectful and compassionate and we care and maintain our homes while being mindful of our surroundings. We take the initiative to get to know our neighbors and offer assistance to those in need, fostering a strong and supportive community. We create a variety of vibrant and engaging programs and events, which support youth, local business, sustainability, health and wellness, community spirit and a sense of belonging.

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Paulette Franklin



Q1. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on the GCA Board and/or Committees (if any).

Member of garden club, fundraising and welcome committees.

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Through my professional nursing career, I have been on the wound care committee for DMC and Garden City Hospitals. As well as the Patient Safety and Magnet Committees at DMC.

Q3. Why do you want to serve on the GCA Board of Directors?

I am eager to serve on the GCA Board of Directors because I am passionate about making a positive impact in our neighborhood. I believe that strong communities are built through collaboration, engagement, and proactive problem-solving.

Q4. Please provide your vision for the future of our Grandmont community.

My vision for the Grandmont Community Association is to continue to build a stronger sense of community with my neighbors through volunteerism and advocacy.

Susan Hood



Q1. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on the GCA Board and/or Committees (if any).

Board Secretary, Welcome Committee Chair, Fundraising Committee Chair.

Q2. Please list up to three previous or current experiences on other Boards or Committees (if any).

Longacre Block Captain, Membership Committee, Hat & Glove Drive Reading in Ramsay Park.

Q3. Why do you want to serve on the GCA Board of Directors?

To ensure change in our Community.

Q4. Please provide your vision for the future of our Grandmont community.

To create a sought after community with resources for improvements.

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Christopher Turner



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Q3. Why do you want to serve on the GCA Board of Directors?

I would like to help contribute to the development of the Grandmont Community. I have been a resident since 2016, and I would like to serve all of my fellow neighbors by working to help enhance the beautification of our parks by seeking out more grant money. Work with business owners and city leaders to help improve the walkability along the commercial corridors along Grand River Ave and Schoolcraft. And work to attract more business owners along these same corridors.

Q4. Please provide your vision for the future of our Grandmont community.

I envision the future of Grandmont Community being vibrant, its business corridors being walkable, vibrant and have attracted new and upcoming enterprises that bring in revenue to the neighborhood and attract more potential homeowners. Additionally, as the neighborhood continues to develop, the development of surrounding neighborhoods such as Crary-St Mary's and south of Schoolcraft will begin to follow suit.