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## Creative Arts Program for Youth Wraps Up in Style

by: Becki Kenderes

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This summer marked the first year that the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) organized a summer-long creative arts program for youth. The program, which

shops and field trips to art sites where youth learned from local experts. Workshops included: theatre, jewelry making, pottery, photography and more! Students even built their

Special thanks to several Grandmont #1 volunteers who helped lead a jewelry making workshop: Carolyn Nash, Rose Nabongo, and Dr. Velma Bradley.

The group finished the program by producing an art show and theatrical performance to friends and family! To find out more about enrolling your teenager in next year's program, contact GRDC Program Manager Becki Kenderes at 313.387.4732, ext. 101.



own cameras out of tin cans and developed the film in a dark room. Program participants wrote and planned their own play under the guidance of Wayne State

only cost participants \$10, ran for 10 weeks and included a series of art work-

University theatre instructor, Joe Kvoriak.

Field trips included visits to the DIA, the Heidelberg Project, the Artists' Village, Wayne State University and more. The youth also had the opportunity to paint a 30-foot community-themed mural at the intersection of Evergreen & Plainview.



## President's Message



Oliver K. Cole

As Fall arrives, another election cycle is upon us locally and for the Grandmont #1 Improvement Association. We will have a new set of bylaws for our association... thanks to Carolyn Nash and her team

for this good organizational update. Detroit is at a critical crossroad as a city. We must elect leaders that are going to look out for and have the best interests of the citizens of the city at hand and in mind. No more "just by name" candidates, we must look at everything in a candidate's past history as to how they may one day govern us. With the fall also comes the "back to

school" time with school children out waiting for and catching the bus to school. Let us all keep our eyes and ears open, to be watchful as they are on their way to and from school. I look forward to seeing more of you at our regular monthly meetings!

*Oliver Cole*

## Block Captain List

We would like to update our Block Captain List. If you would like to volunteer to be a block captain, please call Harold Harris, Director at Large, (313) 272-9166 and give him your information. We appreciate all of you.

	Schoolcraft/Kendall	Kendall/Acacia	Acacia/Lyndon
<b>Ashton</b>	Justin/Lakisha Harris	Ernestine Smith	What about you?
<b>Rosemont</b>	Alfreda Jones/Barbara Barnett	Alfreda Jones/Barbara Barnett	Alfreda Jones/Barbara Barnett
<b>Penrod</b>	Ruby Springer	Richard Smith/Donald Echols	Donald Echols
<b>Faust</b>	Harold Harris	Djenaba Abubakari	Percy Davis
<b>Greenview</b>	Carolyn Nash/Cloria Whitfield/Carol Thomas/Elaine Vaughn	Carolyn Nash/Cloria Whitfield/Carol Thomas/Elaine Vaughn	Carolyn Nash/Cloria Whitfield/Carol Thomas/Elaine Vaughn
<b>Glastonbury</b>	Alma Jackson/Jed Roberson	Gwen Liggons/Cheryl Minniefield	Carol Hanson
<b>Stahelin</b>	Charles Momon/Annie Holt	Annie Holt	Jerry Anderson
<b>Artesian</b>	Harold Harris	Rick Harris	Leathe Larde/Willie Hunt
<b>Warwick</b>	Michael McGee	Michael McGee	Mary Dickerson
<b>Piedmont</b>	Dorothy Bright	Margaret Sanford/Kai Pollard	Oliver Cole/John Gordon
<b>Grandville</b>	What about you?	What about you?	James Kennard

## New Walking Group



North Rose-dale Park Civic Association has been awarded a grant to form one or more walking groups for able-bodied and

physically challenged individuals and everyone in between. To qualify for the grant, the group(s) is required to walk 3 times per week for at least 50 minutes per session.

The first event is a free Health Screening on Oct. 12. The Kick-Off Event will be on Oct. 19. Both events are at the Community House at 18445 Scarsdale.

We need to know the days of the week and the times of the day that you would like to walk.

Please complete a short survey online:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/6KPVK6V](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6KPVK6V)

## Grandmont #1 Meetings

Be sure to attend the next Grandmont #1 Improvement Association meeting. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at Macedonia Baptist Church (14221 Southfield Freeway).

### Next meetings:

**Oct 1, 2013**

**Nov. 5, 2013**

**Dec. 3, 2013**

## Seeking Committee Members for Christmas Light Contest Judging!



Now is the time to check those holiday lights and decorations in preparation to be a winner of the Grandmont #1 As-

sociation Holiday Contest for the month of December!

The Grandmont #1 Association Holiday Contest needs a committee to identify the logistics, which will ensure the success of this fun and exciting event.

Please contact Annie Mae Holt, (313) 615-6248 to indicate your absolute interest to be involved with this committee. **WE TRULY NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT!**

*The holidays are just around the corner.*

*Here's an easy dish to add to your buffet table.*

## Black-Eyes Pea Relish *Recipe by Carolyn Nash*

2 (15 oz.) cans black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed

2 green onions, chopped

1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped

¼ cup parsley, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

Mustard Dressing

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl.

Add the Mustard Dressing and toss to mix.

Serve with bagel chips.

### Mustard Dressing

½ cup olive oil

3 tablespoons red wine vinegar

1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced

Salt and Pepper, to taste



*Combine all ingredients and whisk until well mixed. Enjoy!!*



## Grandmont Rosedale Development Corp.

**RENOVATED HOMES AVAILABLE SOON** - GRDC is ready to begin renovations on nine vacant homes in the Grandmont Rosedale



community. These homes will be transformed from neighborhood eyesores into neighborhood assets, with funding provided by the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). In addition to getting a beautifully renovated home, homebuyers will also receive down payment assistance and free homebuyer counseling to insure that they get off on the right foot. To qualify to purchase a home under this program, homebuyers must meet the following requirements:

Have an annual household income at or below 120% of the area median income



(see chart below)

Be pre-approved for a mortgage with a reputable mortgage lender

Complete 8 hours of pre-purchase homebuyer counseling

Make a down payment equal to no less than 1% of the purchase price from your own funds.

For additional information or to view a listing of homes to be renovated, visit the GRDC web site at [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com).

Household Size	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Maximum Income	\$54,120	\$61,920	\$69,600	\$77,280	\$83,520	\$89,760	\$95,880	\$102,120

# my GRANDMONT ROSEDALE

**VISIT MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG!** Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? It's easy – just make [mygrandmontrosedale.org](http://mygrandmontrosedale.org) your new homepage or add it as a bookmark. At this neighborhood web site, you will find notices and short articles about all the various neighborhoods, a calendar of community events, a business directory, and much more. We are on Facebook, too -- find us at [facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale!](https://facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale)

*Exercise your right to vote!!!*

## Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013

If you are new to the neighborhood, make sure that you know your polling location. You can get this information by calling or visiting the:

Department of Elections  
2978 W. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48202  
(313) 876-0212

NO EXCUSES!!!!  
YOUR VOTE  
COUNTS!!!



## GRANDMONT #1 OFFICER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*If you're interested in running for an office for the Grandmont #1 Improvement Association (term is for 2014 year) please contact Alfreda Jones, Chair of the Nominating Committee for Grandmont #1 elections by calling 313.836.5929.*

Positions available:

**President** The President is the principal executive officer of the Association and presides over all meetings, represents the Association on public occasions and appoints Chairpersons of committees.

**Vice President** The VP performs the duties of the President in his or her absence and assists the President in duties and responsibilities as needed.

**Recording Secretary** Keeps attendance records and meeting records as well as produces monthly written reports. The Rec. Sec. also handles other administrative tasks.

**Corresponding Secretary** The Corresponding Secretary gives notice of all meetings and events to general membership and all duties as determined by the President and/or Board.

**Treasurer** The Treasurer keeps record of all dues and other funds donated to the Association and handles all financial transactions. The Treasurer also prepares a monthly treasurer's report.

## JOIN THE CRIME ALERT!

Want to know what's going on around you? Join the GRDC Crime Alert system and you'll get email messages to update you.

The GRDC Community Security Program's staff monitors and sends out email crime alerts as reported by community residents about recent suspicious or criminal incidents or activities.

ers that may help keep us safer in the future.

To join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system, send an e-mail request to [grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com](mailto:grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com). Please share this invitation and e-mail address with other neighbors and friends who also live in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

## GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST! —

Every Wednesday morning at 11 AM, GRDC sends out an electronic newsletter to let everybody know what's going on in our neighborhood. Don't miss out on the latest! If you want to know what's happening, send us your e-mail address. We'll add you to our electronic mailing list and send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Send an e-mail to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

**BLAST**



nal incidents or activities. Our goal is to provide timely information to residents and when possible and appropriate, to offer crime prevention strategies and remind-

**WE WANT YOU**



# Get Ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grandmont Rosedale SOUP on Sunday, October 27

***Submit your idea and you could win up to***

***\$1,200!*** The first Grandmont Rosedale SOUP was a huge success! Dr. Conja Wright went home with more than \$1,100 to start a Meditation and Reading Park at the Redford Branch of the Detroit Public Library. (You can hear updates about the project at the upcoming SOUP event.) **Now it's YOUR chance to win.**

# SOUP



A Grandmont Rosedale community dinner where neighbors help fund and support neighborhood projects.

GrandmontRosedale@DetroitSOUP.com  
DETROITSOUP.COM



Ever wish you had a few hundred dollars to fund a good idea? The Grandmont Rosedale SOUP Committee (in partnership with Detroit SOUP) is currently accepting proposals to enter into a fundraising contest on October 27, at 19120 Grand River. Submit your proposals by October 8 to [detroitsoup.com/submit](mailto:detroitsoup.com/submit) or drop off a hard copy at Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, 19800 Grand River, or at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River. Up to four proposals will be selected for

presentation at the Grandmont Rosedale SOUP contest on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Anything goes! Project ideas can range from beautification projects to spaying stray cats to enhancing your business! Proposals should include (1) your contact informa-

tion, project name and summary; (2) why your project matters to the Grandmont Rosedale community; (3) how you will use SOUP funding towards the realization of your project; (4) your project time frame and how you would share its progress/completion at an upcoming SOUP event.

## ***VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PROJECT***

Join us on Sunday, October 27, at 19120 Grand River. For \$5, you get soup, salad, and a vote for your fa-

vorite project (the winner receives the entrance fees). Doors open at 4 PM, proposals presented at 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM, winner announced by 7 PM.

## ***THIS MONTH'S DINNER IS HALLOWEEN-THEMED!***

Costumes encouraged on the day of the event! Bring your jack-o-lantern to 19120 Grand River on Saturday,



Oct. 26 between 10 AM-12 PM to enter our pumpkin-carving contest.

For more information, call Becki at 313.387.4732, ext. 101 or [bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com).



## Grandmont #1 Where a Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words!

The Grandmont #1 Association 3rd Annual Picnic was a great success.

The rain drenched the fire in the bar-be-que grill...but it did not diminish the spirit of the neighbors who volunteered to ensure the success of the event.

Folks who made themselves available from May, 2013 up to July, 2013 to ensure the success of the picnic are:

Ernestine Smith  
Shonda Jones  
Harold Harris  
Alexander Jones  
Elaine Vaughn  
Duane Perry  
Theresa Dillard  
Percy Davis  
Carolyn Nash  
Calvin Edwards  
Duane Perry  
Alfreda Jones  
The Coklows  
Josephine Strickland  
Oliver Cole

Please know that your efforts are directly responsible for the smiles on the faces of Alexica and Alexander, winners of the Grandmont #1 Improvement Association 3rd Annual Picnic Bike Decoration Contest!

*Thanks to a great team of neighbors  
who show caring.*

- Annie Mae Holt  
Vice President



## Nurse's Corner

by: *Rose Nabongo*

IT'S FLU SEASON!!!! The best time to get vaccinated is **October** or **November**. You can, however, get vaccinated in December or later. In addition to the flu shot, there are other adulthood immunizations that should not be overlooked.

- The Pneumococcal for adults 65 years and older – need two 2 doses for a life-time.
- Tetanus/Diphtheria – you should get this every 5-10 years.
- -Herpes Zoster – 60 years and older, only 1 is needed.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – up to age 26 (9-26)
- Meningococcal Conjugate – especially recommended for college student or people who live in dorms.
- The flu shot is needed every year – for high-risk individuals and people by 60 years of age.



For facts on the Flu Vaccine, talk to your healthcare provider or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636). Website: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

## Please Scoop When Your Dog Poops!

To the neighbors who enjoy their pets as much as I enjoy seeing my granddaughter, Amari, playing in my front yard...



Please carry a poop bag with you when you walk the neighborhood to attend to the elimination needs of your animal.

This past summer, Amari and I were both surprised and disappointed to discover dog poop on the floor of my screened-in back porch when she came in to take her nap. Apparently, the poop had attached to the soles of her sandals and was there from when we were gardening in my front lawn.

Regrettably, neither of use was introduced to the foul smell of the dog feces until the waste was smeared on the floor of my back porch.

As my assistant gardener, Amari had been helping me plant impatiens around the tree in my front yard. She was puzzled that she had encountered dog poop in GrannyPye's yard; I do not even have a dog. At Amari's home, she is taught that when it is time to take her dogs for a "healthy" walk, she is to get the shovel and the poop bags. Amari has two dogs that are loved as house pets.

The summer is the time for all of us to enjoy the out of doors!

I look forward to more times playing with Amari, in my yard, without worrying about stepping or

kneeling in dog poop.

Thanks for your demonstration of neighborly spirit by helping me respect your pet's right to be healthy. This regard goes "hand-in-hand" as you show respect for the right of my granddaughter to enjoy her GrannyPye's front lawn.

Because you care about the needs of your pet, I expect that you care about the needs of us all to enjoy our well-manicured lawns without the concern of coming in contact with disgusting dog poop.

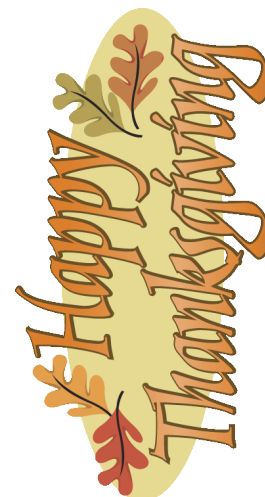
If you have suggestions as to how we can best communicate this message to more pet lovers in our Grandmont #1 Neighborhood Association, please contact me, Annie Mae Holt at [annieholtm@aol.com](mailto:annieholtm@aol.com).



OCTOBER 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Grandmont #1 Meeting	2	3	4	5
6		8	9	10	11	12
13	Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Safety Meeting @ Community House 6 pm	25	26
SOUP	Precinct Meeting @ Bushnell Congregational Church, 6 pm 	29	Angel's Night			





NOVEMBER 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3		Grandmont #1 Meeting 	6	7	Bulk Collection	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17		19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	Hanukkah starts	HAPPY  THANKSGIVING	29	30



Check out [www.mygrandmontrosedale.org](http://www.mygrandmontrosedale.org) for more calendar information and upcoming events in the neighborhood.

Please note: regular garbage pick ups occur each Monday, recycle pick ups occur on the 1st & 3rd Monday and yard waste pick ups occur on the 2nd & 4th Mondays. There are no bulk trash pick up dates in October. The next bulk trash pick up will be Nov. 8.

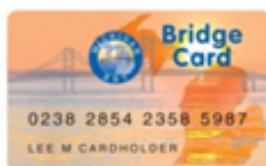
## December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		Grandmont #1 Meeting	4	5 Hanukkah ends	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15		17	18	19	20	21
22	23	Christmas Eve	MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Kwanzaa	27	28
29	30	31				



**Northwest Detroit  
FARMERS'  
MARKET**

ORGANIZED BY GRANDMONT ROSEDALE  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



**DOUBLE UP  
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## Fresh, Local Food!

Join us for our 8th season of good food and fellowship! You can buy fresh, locally grown produce, right here in our neighborhood. Our vendors offer fresh Michigan fruits and vegetables, baked goods, local honey, teas, granola, dips, coffee, and more!

For more info and to volunteer, call  
Pam Weinstein, 313-387-4732, ext. 103.

**Every Thursday  
4-8 PM**

**June 6 – Oct. 10, 2013**

**Bushnell Congregational  
Church South Parking Lot**

**15000 Southfield Service Drive  
At the Grand River/Fenkell Exit**

Underwritten by



Your association dues pay for snow plowing of the residential streets in Grandmont #1 (the City of Detroit does not plow our roads), lawn-mowing at abandoned properties, maintenance at Flintstone Park (Rosemont/Acacia Park), a quarterly newsletter and an annual community picnic.

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Oliver Cole — Annie Mae Holt — Duane Perry

### Grandmont #1 Improvement Association

## 2014 Annual Dues



We are now accepting payment for your 2014 dues which run from Jan. 2014 - Dec. 2014. Please return this form with your check or money order (for \$50) to:

Grandmont #1 Improvement Association  
PO Box 23065, Detroit, MI 48223

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues: \$50**

**Amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional donation included:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Be a Volunteer!

(check your interests)

- ☐ Beautification      ☐ Bylaws
- ☐ Community Engagement
- ☐ Community Security
- ☐ Membership      ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Nominations      ☐ Social Planning
- ☐ Special Assessment District
- ☐ Vacant Property
- ☐ Welcome Committee
- ☐ Youth Development



## Support Your Neighborhood Your Dues are Due (for 2014)!

By the time you receive this Fall 2013 edition of your *Grandmont #1 Informer*, we will already have started collecting dues for the 2014 year. If you have already paid, please accept our sincere thanks. If you haven't quite gotten around to it, please write your check today and return it with your payment form (which can be found on page 11). Your dues pay the bills and are your neighborhood's only source of income. We use the money to plow the snow off the streets, print this newsletter and take care of vacant properties —all things necessary to keep your neighborhood looking good and your property values up.

## Submit Content to *Grandmont #1 Informer*

If you have an article or event you'd like to share with Grandmont #1 residents please e-mail [grandmont1informer@gmail.com](mailto:grandmont1informer@gmail.com) or call 313.272.4810. Content is due by Dec 10, 2013 for distribution in January 2014.

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Business card: \$20; 1/4 page: \$40;  
1/2 page: \$60; Full page: \$100

Please send your ads to  
[grandmont1informer@gmail.com](mailto:grandmont1informer@gmail.com) &  
check payable to Grandmont #1  
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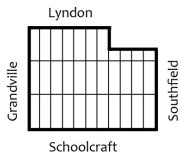
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