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Duane Perry, Oliver Cole, Alfreda Jones, Ruby Springer, Alexander Jones

## “All you need to do is ask with a smile.....” by Annie Mae Holt

On June 13, 2015 at the Annual Family picnic, Grandmont #1 took the opportunity to present Alfreda Jones with a Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts in collecting Association dues from more than 65% of neighbors on her block.

During the month of May, she walked her block to introduce herself to new residents and reacquaint herself with the long-timers. She talked to her neighbors about what the dues are used for, and in particular snow removal. This past year when other streets were impassable, Grandmont #1 streets were plowed and the residents could move freely and go about their daily business. When asked what the strategy was that helped her interact with her neighbors, Alfreda said, “all you have to do is ask with a smile.”

Alfreda moved to Grandmont #1 subdivision more than forty years ago. She moved here in search of a safe, friendly neighborhood with good public schools and a nurturing environment for her four sons.

Since her retirement, Alfreda spends time volunteering in Grandmont #1 delivering the *Informer*, helping at the annual picnic, and participating in the Detroit Pride clean-up. Alfreda recognizes both the happy times and the sad times in the lives of her neighbors and sends cards and flowers for the particular occasion.

Alfreda is an active participant at Grandmont #1 monthly meetings sharing her ideas and reminding us all that involved neighbors keep the neighborhood thriving and attracting potential homeowners looking for a great place to live.

## President's Message



Oliver K. Cole

I would like to thank Shonda Jones, Annie Mae Holt, Harold Harris, and Alex Jones who were the point persons for this year's annual Grandmont #1 Annual

Family Picnic held June 13, 2015 at Rosemont/Acacia Park.

I would also like to thank EVERYone that volunteered..the DPD, DFD, our elected officials and residents who took part,

helped or just enjoyed our picnic. Thanks to the Bounce House lady, the DJ, the cooks, the clean-up crew, Mumford High School Marching Band, the dance teams, Girl Trek walking group, the sign-in people and anyone else that I may have overlooked.

We will be announcing a new annual event specifically for our seniors at our next Grandmont #1 Improvement Association meeting so please plan on attending.

I would ask that we all be observant and careful as we drive through our

neighborhood. We have many children playing, people walking and biking....so let's all SLOW DOWN, obey the residential speed limit of 25 mph.

Go to our Facebook page to see photos of the day's events. Don't forget to come to our next meeting — Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church.

[www.facebook.com/grandmont1improvementorganization](http://www.facebook.com/grandmont1improvementorganization)

*Oliver Cole*

## Volunteers Needed!!!

Grandmont #1 Mower Project works to maintain grass cutting of vacant lots throughout the Grandmont #1 area.

The "Mower" crew has been busy! To date, more than 22 volunteers have cleaned up 8 vacant properties for a total of 72 volunteer hours.

Volunteers are always needed. To get involved or for more information, contact Dani Wilson at (313) 387-4732, ext. 116 or email [dwilson@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:dwilson@grandmontrosedale.com).

## Grandmont #1 Mower Project



## Mobile Apps

For more information, go to [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov)



**Improve Detroit** - the mobile app to use for reporting issues directly to City Hall such as: running water, potholes, damaged street signs and other issues. Improve Detroit app uses your location and gives you a menu of common quality-of-life conditions from in your service request.

**DPD Connect** - the mobile app which helps you to:

- Get up-to-the-minute information about the City of Detroit and the Police Department
- Contact the DPD anonymously to keep your neighborhood safe
- Find the DPD on Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube
- Find numbers for precincts, bureaus, and other Detroit community departments

*For emergency, always dial 911*

Please check the Spring edition of the *Informer* for the Block Captains' List



**Attention New Neighbors...**

If you've recently moved to the neighborhood, we'd like to know so that we can share information with you about neighborhood happenings. Please contact Duane Perry, Grandmont #1 Treasurer, to update your contact information. Call 313-836-4757 or e-mail [duane.perry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:duane.perry@sbcglobal.net)

*Welcome*

**New Resident** - *Ethel Hearnson Penrod*

**Congratulations!!!****Grandmont #1 2015 Graduates****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 (at Acacia).

**Next meetings:**

**July 7, 2015**

**August 4, 2015**

**September 1, 2015**



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**The Young Seniors of Grandmont #1****The CARE ACT – Senate Bill 352**

At any given time during the year, more than 2.1 million Michiganders perform a great labor of love when helping their older loved ones to live independently at home or where they want to be. "AARP Michigan urges Michigan lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 352 (O'Brien) which would establish the Caregiver, Advise, Record, and Enable (CARE) Act in Michigan. The CARE Act is a commonsense solution to help support and better equip family caregivers when their loved ones go into the hospital and as they transition home. Help Annie Mae Holt, neighbor and volunteer with AARP, spread the word! Additionally, contact your Michigan State Senator, David Knezek (313) 310-4924 and Michigan State Representative, Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (517) 373-3815 and ask that they support Senate Bill 352.

**Senior Friendship Day on the River: Music – Raffles – Food**

**Chene Park...2600 Atwater, Detroit**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2015 10 a.m.—2 p.m.**

**FREE ADMISSION – FREE ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION FROM.....**

**Adams Butzel Center – 10500 Lyndon, Detroit**

**Annie Mae has RSVP with Terra Defoe (313-224-1371) for 15 Seniors. Please call her (313) 615-6248 if you are interested in going!**

Our President, Oliver Cole and his better half, Mrs. Denise Cole have suggested that seniors of Grandmont # 1 enjoy a **FREE** brunch to be held at the Rosedale Park Community House in October. The exact date and time are still being discussed. Please look forward to more information by the August 4<sup>th</sup> Grandmont #1 Neighborhood Association meeting. RVSPs will be accepted at that time. **It is Grandmont # 1's way to say, "Thank you seniors for everything!"** *Annie Mae Holt*

## CODE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Happy Summer Everyone,

The Code Compliance Committee has been at work for you. We have as of this date identified 71 properties within Grandmont #1 neighborhood where simple yard maintenance has not been met based on the Ordinance of the City of Detroit. This includes front and backyards as well as side lots, vacant properties and businesses. Please be advised these homes and other land parcels have been turned over to the proper authorities for their disposition. This could mean that the property owner could be fined and a possible seizure could take place if the city deems the property and its owner is in total neglect. Please keep up on your yard maintenance. If you are a senior citizen or have a major disability that prohibits you from maintaining your property, please ask for help. We all need to remember that this is "OUR" neighborhood. A good clean neighborhood leads to higher home values, better self-esteem and shows we take great pride in our homes and neighborhood.



The ordinance states any nuisance vegetation over 8 inches tall is in violation and subject to penalties. I understand that since we only have yard waste pick-up that some may only cut their grass every other week. I have taken this into consideration, and have watched these properties and can verify that it has been a lot longer than every other week. Right now I am a one-man committee and need some volunteers to help. I also call upon the block captains for their help in identifying properties on their blocks that need attention or that the properties have become maintained. If you would like the list of properties identified so far or would like to help, please email me at [pepedout2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pepedout2000@yahoo.com). Thank you and have a great summer!!!!

**David Becker**

**Code Violations Committee Chair-person**

### District 1 Community Satellite Office

Meet with Councilman James Tate  
every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at  
Motor City Java & Tea House  
17336 Lahser (off Grand River)

Bring your issues, ideas, thoughts,  
or questions  
The Councilman will provide the coffee.

For more information about the Satellite Office, call  
313-224-1786



### Coffee Hour

Join State Senator David Knezek who represents  
Detroit, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster and  
Redford Township for coffee

When: Every Third Thursday of the Month

Where: Always Brewing

19180 Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Time: 1:00 P.M.—2:30 P.M.

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ROSEDALE**

VISIT [MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG](http://MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG)! Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? It's easy—just make [mygrandmont-rosedale.org](http://mygrandmont-rosedale.org) your new homepage or add it as a bookmark. At this site, you will find notices and short articles about all the various neighborhoods, a calendar of community events, a business directory and much more.

## RESIDENTIAL TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE AND SERVICES



**Trash pickup day is every MONDAY.** Listed below are the dates for pickup of yard waste, bulk, and recycle through October, 2015.

YARD WASTE	BULK	RECYCLE
Tuesday	Tuesday	Mondays
07 Jul 2015	07 Jul 2015	13 Jul 2015
21 Jul 2015	21 July 2015	27 Jul 2015
04 Aug 2015	04 Aug 2015	10 Aug 2015
18 Aug 2015	18 Aug 2015	24 Aug 2015
01 Sept 2015	01 Sept 2015	07 Sept 2015
15 Sept 2015	15 Sept 2015	21 Sep7 2015
29 Sept 2015	29 Sept 2015	_____
13 Oct 2015	13 Oct 2015	05 Oct 2015
27 Oct 2015	27 Oct 2015	19 Oct 2015

The provider is Advanced Disposal located at 12255 Southfield Road, Detroit, MI 48228. This is the same location that we have used in the past to drop off bulk and yard waste.



Contact information: 1-844-233-8764 or

<http://www.advanceddisposal.com/mi/detroit/detroit-residential-collection> or

Email: [DetroitMIResidential@AdvancedDisposal.com](mailto:DetroitMIResidential@AdvancedDisposal.com). You may also visit the city's website at <http://www.detroitmi.gov> and click on Dept. of Public Works.

### Ordinance-Section 22-2-45—Time limits for approved containers to remain at curb side

Properly stored domestic solid waste shall be collected by Advanced Disposal. Owners and/or occupants of residential structures who receive curbside collection shall place approved containers on a berm area not earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection and shall remove the same not later than 9:00 p.m. on the day of collection

- ◆ A person who violates this Code is responsible for a blight violation and is subject to a civil fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense.
- ◆ A person who violates this Code is responsible for a blight violation and is subject to a civil fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the second offense.
- ◆ A person who violates this Code is responsible for a blight violation and is subject to a civil fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the third offense.
- ◆ A person who violates this Code is responsible for a blight violation and is subject to a civil find of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the fourth or subsequent offense.

If you have any questions, contact Grandmont #1 Code Compliance Committee at [pepedout2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pepedout2000@yahoo.com).



## Grandmont #1 Annual Family Picnic

Grandmont #1 held its Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, June 13, 2015 starting with a parade from Schoolcraft to Rosemont/Acacia Park. Special thanks to the Picnic Committee ... Alexander Jones, Shonda Jones, and Annie Mae Holt. All of your hard work paid off! This was the best yet! Many more pics on Facebook!





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**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association  
2015 Annual Dues**

Your 2015 annual dues are due. This covers the year Jan. 2015 through Dec. 2015. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Be a Volunteer!****Sign up — share your time**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification              | <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Compliance             | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Planning      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Assessment District | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Property      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development    |

**Thank you for your support!!****Safety/Security Information**

Call 911 to report emergencies &amp; crimes in progress.

“If you see something, say something!”

Report CRIME anonymously to Police:

Call Crimestoppers

1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-773-2587)

Online: <http://www.1800speakup.org>

Text: CSM and your tip to CRIMES (274637)

Report auto theft anonymously

Call 1-800-242-HEAT (4328)

Report illegal gun activity anonymously

Call 1-800-AFT-GUNS (238-4867)

**Rewards are available for information leading  
to arrest and prosecution.**

**Please Pick Up After Your Pet**

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our neighborhood. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog, please remember the dog should be on a leash. Also, it is important to clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie to pick up the waste and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can help beautify our neighborhood and eliminate one of the irritating nuisances in our community.

Thank you for your cooperation.



### Support Your Neighborhood by Paying Your Dues for 2015

If you have already paid, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not quite gotten around to it, please write your check today and return it with your payment form (which can be found on page 7). 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.

### Articles for the Grandmont #1 Informer

If you have an article or event you'd like to share with Grandmont #1 residents, please e-mail to: [grandmont1informer@gmail.com](mailto:grandmont1informer@gmail.com) or call 313.272.4810. Content is due by September 10, 2015 for distribution in the October 2015 issue. Please send articles in Microsoft Word format. We reserve the right to edit for content.

### Advertising Rates

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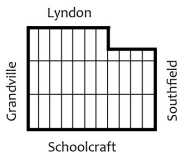
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