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*Northwest Detroit's Pride Community*

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**Our  
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Grandmont #1 Improvement Association's  
Positive Youth Development (PYD) Program

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## Goodbye Cold-Cold Winter...and Hello Warm-Warm Spring!!

This past winter has kept us from doing a lot of things in our community so we are going to have to make up for all the time lost! Not to worry, we have a lot of events coming up!

**Save The Date** for our next meeting on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 12pm -2pm at the GRDC Building. We will create a calendar of projects that we will complete throughout the rest of this year. We will also come up with some ideas for our Annual Picnic-Parade on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Rosemont/ Acacia Park.

Also right after our meeting, please plan on attending our first "Walk Your Block" gathering on Artesian Street between Schoolcraft and Kendall from 2pm-3pm. Let's spread the news to all of our neighbors about our wonderful neighborhood association!!

Our PYD program is interested in planning a Cedar Point trip for our youth. Anyone interested in joining our planning committee or donating towards this trip, please contact me before Thursday, April 30, 2015.

We are still in need of students from our Grandmont #1 neighborhood who would be interested in applying for scholarship funds for the 2015 school year. The deadline for all applications will be April 30, 2015. If you know anyone that would like more information, please contact Shonda Jones, PYD Chairperson, 313-550-4842 or [sdavis78@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdavis78@sbcglobal.net)

Parents/Adult volunteers are still needed!!!

## President's Message



All,

Take advantage of the City of Detroit's Home Loan program. The City of Detroit's 0% Home Repair Loan applications will be available online

after 12:00 noon on March 24, 2015. Go to the City's website at [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov). Look at the bottom of page for Detroit Opportunities, then follow the prompts.

We have a few Rippling Hope Home repair applications left for the 2015 cycle. They MUST be turned

in to me by our April 7, 2015 meeting. Contact me for an application: [fantasyonfilm@mac.com](mailto:fantasyonfilm@mac.com) or 313-320-0627.

Keep your eyes/ears open as the spring/summer months usually bring an increase in criminal activities. Park your vehicles in your garage or driveway. Watch out for children going to/from school and outside in play. Have your children join with our PYD, Positive Youth Development....fun, games, prizes and scholarship. Contact Shonda Jones, [sdavis78@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdavis78@sbcglobal.net).

We now have a Compliance Code Committee chaired by David Becker at

[pepedout2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pepedout2000@yahoo.com), who is in charge of the community's code/blight enforcement.

Annie Mae Holt chairs our Senior Committee, [annieholtm@aol.com](mailto:annieholtm@aol.com).


If you would like to volunteer for our Newsletter Committee, contact Carolyn Nash, [cstonenash@att.net](mailto:cstonenash@att.net) or Theresa Dillard, [mstadillard@yahoo.com](mailto:mstadillard@yahoo.com).

We are starting our "Walk Your Block" walks beginning March 28th at 2pm on Artesian Street between Schoolcraft and Kendall...feel free to walk more blocks IF you are able to do so.

*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) 272-9165 and give him your information. We appreciate all of you.

	Schoolcraft/Kendall	Kendall/Acacia	Acacia/Lyndon
<b>Ashton</b>	Justin/Lakisha Harris	Ernestine Smith	Rosemont-Acacia Park 
<b>Rosemont</b>	Alexander Jones	Alfreda Jones/Barbara Barnett	Alfreda Jones/Barbara Barnett
<b>Penrod</b>	Ruby Springer	Donald Echols	Donald Echols
<b>Faust</b>	Donald Watson	Djenaba Abubakari	Percy Davis
<b>Greenview</b>	Carolyn Nash/Rose Nabongo	Carolyn Nash/Rose Nabongo	Carolyn Nash/Rose Nabongo
<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	Harold Harris	Leathe Larde/Willie Hunt
<b>Warwick</b>	Michael McGee	Michael McGee	Michael McGee/Harold Harris
<b>Piedmont</b>	Dorothy Bright	Margaret Sanford/Kai Pollard	Oliver Cole/John Gordon
<b>Grandville</b>	James Kennard	James Kennard	Darlene Nero

**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 to the new residents*

**on Artesian.....**

Lacy Dawson, James Foster, Jason Harper, Tammy Jenkins, Pierrot Joseph, Jr., Ayanna King, Rudy Prater, Gloria Pettiford

**on Penrod....**

Shawn Roquemore

**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:**

**April 7, 2015**

**May 5, 2015**

**June 2, 2015**



**Grandmont #1 Senior Support Committee**  
**We Need You to Take Advantage and to Share!**

**For Your Information**

- ⇒ **YOU BELIEVE IN DETROIT. DETROIT BELIEVES IN YOU:** 0 % Interest Home Repair Loans became available on March 24, 2015. You can apply for the loan by going online at [www.detroithomeloans.org](http://www.detroithomeloans.org) or contact City of Detroit Planning and Development Department at 313-224-2560.
- ⇒ **Poverty Exemption Waives 2015 Property Taxes:** Did you know that some Detroit homeowners are eligible for a poverty exemption? Those eligible for the poverty program could have their 2015 property taxes waived. Contact the City Assessor's Office at 313-224-3035 to get more information.
- ⇒ **ENJOY A FREE, HASSLE-FREE AFTERNOON WITH YOUR GRANDCHILD:** Come to the Annual Grandmont/Rosedale Easter Egg Hunt! **Saturday, April 4, 2015, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit.** Terrific, fun-filled activities will include egg hunting, face painting, a petting farm, visit from the Easter Bunny and many more activities! Be sure to bring your basket to collect eggs. Children up to age 10 from any of the **Grandmont/ Rosedale** communities are welcome to participate. **If you are interested in volunteering, please email Vicki Holmes at [vickiholmes@att.net](mailto:vickiholmes@att.net) or call, Annie Mae Holt, 313-615-6248.**
- ⇒ **Take a free computer class and more at WCCCD.** Senior Citizens may apply for admissions online [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu), or call 313-496-2634. This opportunity is offered to senior citizens who are residents of the district and 60 years of age or older.
- ⇒ **March 28: Walk the Block of Artesian!**
- ⇒ **April 25: Walk the Block of Stahelin.** Please call Annie Mae Holt, 313-615-6248

Please contact Annie Mae Holt, 313-615-6248, to volunteer or to share events and activities that are unique to our neighborhood seniors. I look forward to hearing from you!

## CODE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

### Attention all Grandmont #1 Residents!!

At our February Association meeting, we approved a committee to uphold code compliance in our neighborhood. My name is Dave Becker and I am the chairperson for this committee. I am looking for volunteers to help me in this endeavor. Our main purpose is to insure code compliance within our neighborhood as well as safety and beautification. I have met with police and city officials on this matter and they are all on board to help us.



Below is a list that one of our neighboring community's uses to see if any property or resident is violating a local code. If you find any property or resident in violation of anything on this checklist, do not hesitate to call me at 734-709-7579 or e-mail me at [pepedout2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pepedout2000@yahoo.com). I will forward your complaint to the appropriate people and will follow through on the progress. Be as specific as you can with all information such as type, make and model of vehicle, license number if visible, house address, etc. Right now I am the point person for this. Any code violation complaints should be filed through me. That way, we can track and follow-up on these issues. Please attend our monthly meetings so you can get the latest information available. Also, please join me in making our community shine above the others.

Thanks,

Dave Becker, Chairperson  
Code Compliance Committee

### Clean Neighborhoods

#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & CODE EDUCATION

Dear Resident, Property Owner or Renter:

Occupants of a dwelling unit are responsible for keeping the dwelling unit or premises in a clean, habitable, sanitary, and safe condition following city code. Within a reasonable amount of time, please attend to the following item (s).

- ☐ Grass height exceeds 8"
- ☐ Right of way not cleared
- ☐ Yard waste must be in paper bags
- ☐ Trash cans out before 6PM, before pickup day
- ☐ Trash cans not in by 9PM on pickup day
- ☐ Bulk trash exceeds one cubic yard
- ☐ Street drains not cleared of debris
- ☐ Alley not cleaned/maintained
- ☐ Unlicensed or inoperable vehicle on property/street
- ☐ Pet waste not removed
- ☐ Accumulated debris attracts rodents
- ☐ Habitually barking dog
- ☐ Car/house alarm sounding for more than one hour
- ☐ Grilling within 10 feet of structure is fire hazard
- ☐ Basketball hoop in street
- ☐ Rental & vacant property must be registered
- ☐ Other

### Safety/Security Information

Call 911 to report emergencies & 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.**



## GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE AND SERVICES



**Garbage pickup day is every MONDAY.** If you don't have access to a computer, please call Advanced Disposal to request a schedule for the yard waste, bulk, and recycling dates. The schedule of exact dates that we provided on the last few newsletters was not available at the time of printing. We will provide the list in the next issue. In the meantime, if you go to <http://www.advanceddisposal.com/mi/detroit/detroit-residential-collection>, "Find Your Service Collection Days", enter your "Street Number", "Street Name", "Zip Code", and click "Search". It will give the upcoming dates according to your address.

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.



### Ask The Tech Guy: Willie Brake

**Q:** I take pictures with my phones frequently but I want to know the best way to get them into my computer for storage?

**A:** The easiest way to get the original photos off your smartphone and into your computer is via a USB cable. Once the cables are connected, open up a program that lets you see files –such as Finder on a Mac or Windows Explorer on a Windows PC – and use the mouse to double click the name of your smartphone which should be on the left side of the screen. You may see your phone represented as a drive letter (e.g. F: or G:) or by name, such as iPhone 6 or Samsung Note S4. For some phones, you may have to download a free program, such as Samsung's Kies.

Once you are inside the directory, look for a folder titled DCIM. This folder holds all of the photos and videos captured by the smartphone. They may even be in a sub-folder, but they will all be there.

Finally, the last step is to manually copy or cut your pictures and paste them in a location of your choice on your computer's hard drive.

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**Q:** I regularly backup my data on an external hard drive. How long can I reasonably expect those drives to last?



# COMPUTER TROUBLE?

## (313) 218-4888


[www.callwillie.com](http://www.callwillie.com)


**Q:** We have smartphones, laptops, tablets and other connected devices at home, and the Wi-Fi can be really slow. Is there a quick fix to this problem?

**For answers to these questions, go to:**  
[www.callwillie.com](http://www.callwillie.com)

If you have a computer related question, email it to [askwillie@all-about-technology.com](mailto:askwillie@all-about-technology.com) and I will answer selected questions in this column.

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## Join in "Walk Your Block" ..... Get Some Exercise

Having a goal that truly excites you is the first step to setting up an exercise program. You may want to be ten pounds lighter and have more muscle tone. You must have a goal that makes you really want to take the next step.

Once you have your personal goal in mind, you need a reasonable timeline in which to achieve the goal. Let's say you want to lose ten pounds in six months, you can do that with a good exercise program and a good diet.

Let's start with "Walk Your Block"! In addition, if you like to outside you can ride a bike, run, swim, play tennis, endless possibilities. Include some fun activities that you enjoy and try some new stuff. If you prefer to be inside, join a gym with a friend who can work out on the same days and at the same time that you do.

If you decide to run, you can run even if it is new to you. You could walk a mile three times the first week, two miles the second week, run a mile and walk a mile three times the next week and by the fourth week you could run and walk two to three miles three times a week. If this holds your interest, you could add hills one of the days, add some short bursts of speed one day, you could even sign up for a 5k two months from the start of your program. In six to nine months, you could run a marathon if you wanted to go that far.

It helps to have a friend to work out with, it keeps you both accountable and it is fun. So start by joining in "Walk Your Block".

### Save the Date!!!

#### **Grandmont #1 Annual Family Picnic**

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**

**12 pm—4 pm**

**Parade starts at 12 noon on Schoolcraft**

*Face Painting \* Games & Prizes\* DJ\* Food\**

*Bouncy House\* and 50/50 Raffle*

at Rosemont/Acacia Park (formerly Flintstone Park)



#### **Bring a Lawn Chair**

For more info or to volunteer, please call:

Annie Mae Holt 313-615-6248

Shonda Jones 313-550-4842

Alex Jones 313-443-1544

#### **Fun for the Whole Family!!!**



#### **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



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ROSEDALE**

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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"/> Special Assessment District | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Property      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development    |

**Thank you for your support!!****MARINATED PORK ROAST***David Becker*

1 (4-5 lbs.) Pork Loin Roast Boned  
1 Tbs. dry mustard  
1 tsp. Crushed thyme  
1/2 cup Sherry

2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tsp. ground ginger  
1/2 cup soy sauce

Place roast in plastic bag or deep bowl. Mix the next six ingredients. Pour the marinade over the roast and close or cover. Place in refrigerator. Marinade overnight, turning once. Take roast and marinade out of fridge 2 hours before roasting to bring to room temperature. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Roast uncovered for 2 1/2 to 3 hours basting with marinade during the last hour. Temperature of meat should be 170 degrees. Loosely cover and let rest 15 minutes before carving. Serve with current sauce.

**Currant Sauce**

2 Tbs. Sherry  
1 (10-12 oz.) jar of Currant Jelly

1 Tbs. Soy Sauce  
1/4 cup raisins (optional)

Heat all ingredients in a sauce pan. Simmer for at least 2 minutes. Serve with pork roast.  
Enjoy!

### 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 June 10, 2015 for distribution in the July 2015 issue. Please send articles in Microsoft Word format. We reserve the right to edit for content.

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Please send your ads to [grandmont1informer@gmail.com](mailto:grandmont1informer@gmail.com) & check payable to Grandmont #1 Improvement Association at PO Box 23065, Detroit MI 48223. For more info, call Denise Cole, 313.320.0627

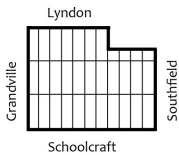
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