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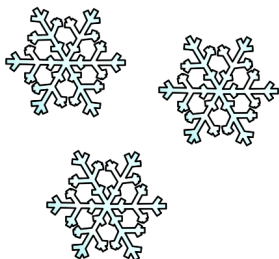
Northwest Detroit's Pride Community

Brought to you by the
Grandmont #1
Improvement Association

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2015

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President's Message



Oliver K. Cole

I would like to start by giving thanks to all who participated in our 2014 events and came to our monthly meetings. It is your participation, along with your dues payment, that makes us a viable community. I would like to thank Pastor Charles D. Twymon and the Macedonia Baptist Church for the use of their building for our monthly meetings.

Good things we did in 2014:

- We had our annual picnic that started with a parade down Schoolcraft to Rosemont/Acacia Park.
- We saw the demolition of derelict buildings on Grandville.
- We saw increased participation in dues payments and attendance at our meetings.
- We saw the reality of our PYD=Positive Youth Development/Scholarship fund.
- We saw an increase in police presence and involvement with our community and more abandoned cars towed.
- We were able to provide residential surface street snow plowing for our community and neighbors.
- We were able to cut/mow vacant lots and abandoned property with grant money and supplement from our treasury. And finally, we worked with the Grandville Mower Crew to maintain vacant properties on Grandville.

Good things we are looking forward to in 2015:

Increasing attendance at our meetings by at least 20 people.
Increasing participation from neighbors on our various committees and projects :

- Picnic Committee
- Positive Youth Development (PYD)
- Citizens' Patrol
- Mower Crew
- Grant Writing
- Newsletter
- Welcome packets for new residents
- Paying Association dues
- Increasing voter turnout for Grandmont #1 in EVERY election

Looking forward to 2015!!

Oliver Cole



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

Shonda Jones

Wow, what a way to end a wonderful year!! Our PYD youth program held its 1st Annual End of the Year Celebration on December 20, 2014 at the GRDC Building. We made Christmas ornaments and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer hot chocolate gifts. Each child took home a gift bag filled with goodies and special handcrafted toys that were donated to our program. A special thanks to all the families and volunteers who came out to support our youth!! May every family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!


Save The Date: Our next meeting is Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 12 p.m., GRDC Building, 19800 Grand River Avenue. We will make our calendar of events for the New Year!

We are still in need of students from Grandmont #1 who would be interested in applying for scholarship funds for the 2015 school year. For more information, please contact: Shonda Jones, PYD Chairperson, 313-550-4842 or sdavis78@sbcglobal.net.

Parents/Adult volunteers are still needed!!!

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
Ashton	Justin/Lakisha Harris	Ernestine Smith	Rosemont-Acacia Park 
Rosemont	Alexander Jones	Alfreda Jones/Barbara Barnett	Alfreda Jones/Barbara Barnett
Penrod	Ruby Springer	Donald Echols	Donald Echols
Faust	Donald Watson	Djenaba Abubakari	Percy Davis
Greenview	Carolyn Nash/Rose Nabongo	Carolyn Nash/Rose Nabongo	Carolyn Nash/Rose Nabongo
Glastonbury	Alma Jackson/Jed Roberson	Gwen Liggons/Cheryl Minniefield	Carol Hanson
Stahelin	Charles Momon/Annie Holt	Annie Holt	Jerry Anderson
Artesian	Harold Harris	Harold Harris	Leatha Larde/Willie Hunt
Warwick	Michael McGee	Michael McGee	Michael McGee/Harold Harris
Piedmont	Dorothy Bright	Margaret Sanford/Kai Pollard	Oliver Cole/John Gordon
Grandville	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

WELCOME

David and Denise Becker

on Greenview

For Your Information

DPD Connect

The Detroit Police Department has a free mobile app that can be accessed through iTunes and Google Play. The app provides up-to-date information about the city and the Police Department. You can find precinct and community numbers, get crime reports and make incident reports anonymously. The city is currently working on an app to allow residents to report fallen trees, water main breaks, etc.

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).

Meeting Dates:

January 6, 2015

February 3, 2015

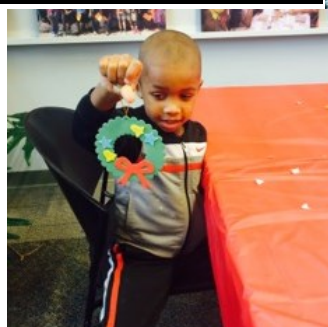
March 3, 2015

Fantasy On Film

313-320-0627



**PYD
Year End Celebration
December 20, 2014**



The Importance of Protecting Your Electronic Devices

by Willie Brake

Technology can be a beautiful thing, but it can turn on you in a nanosecond. It can freeze up, break down, act out or stop responding. When a glitch or malfunction tries to push you over the edge, you need help from a qualified professional. All About Technology is making life easier for you by offering Protection Plans to save the day.

All About Technology offers insurance products for laptops, iPhones, iPads and other electronic devices, and has provided a sense of security for thousands of individuals in the community. Our low deductibles and affordable premiums make our product attractive to all individuals who own laptops/desktops, cameras, gaming equipment, cell phones and more.

Got a new cell phone, computer, tablet or camera? If so, you already know that the manufacturer's warranty protects you against defects. But you may be tempted to buy the extended warranty. Unfortunately, the all-too-common risks of damage and theft will still leave you unprotected and having to spend more than you bargained for should something bad happen to your device.

37% of technology users experience some sort of damage to their equipment every year, with many experiencing two or more incidents. More than 60% of technology failures are due to accidental damage. In most cases, these incidents are not covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

To protect yourself from these risks, consider electronics device insurance from as All About Technology. It's not the same as a warranty. There are several differences.

If you have a warranty it may or may not cover the damage to your device. You must read the fine print. And if you use a warranty to replace your electronic device, once your claim is settled, the warranty is void. Then you must purchase a new warranty to cover the new device,

Insurance protects consumers for the entire coverage period no matter how many claims are filed. You can simply file a new claim, and pay the deductible when there is a loss. Gadget insurance also allows them to bundle coverage for several devices and can be purchased at any time, unlike warranties, which must be purchased in most cases, immediately.

Getting a quote and signing up for a policy is quick and easy. Just point your browser to www.all-about-technology.com and click on Protection Plans. You can also protect your existing equipment also! Don't delay. Sign up today!

Safeguard Your Auto Prevent Auto Theft

To a thief, there's nothing like a car. It's self-propelled and fully equipped for a fast get-away. The car and its components are items in steady demand.

You should not leave your vehicle unattended without locking the ignition and removing the key. A significant number of automobiles are stolen because drivers fail to remove the ignition keys.

Establish Ground Rules

All members of the family should know how to protect the car against theft. Licenses, registration cards or other identifying papers that a thief could misuse should never be left in the car. Keys should be carefully guarded. If the keys have punch-out numbers these should be removed and kept at home for reference in case of loss.

How to Give a Thief a Hard Time

The *National Automobile Theft Bureau* (NATB) recommends the following precautions:

Park in a well-lighted area, close all windows, lock all doors, activate any theft deterrent device you may have, and put packages or valuables out of sight. Electronic devices and other expensive items in full view invite theft.

If you park in a commercial lot or garage, leave only the ignition key with the attendant.

Keep license and registration in your wallet or purse. If left in car, thieves can use these documents to sell your car if it's stolen, or impersonate you when they are challenged by police. Owners who indiscriminately leave keys, titles and other identifiable material in their vehicle may return to their residence only to find that they are the victims of a burglary. **If you have a garage, use it. Lock both the vehicle and the garage.**

GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE AND SERVICES

Our schedule for solid waste changed on June 2, 2014. Many of our residents still get confused and have questions as to the exact dates for bulk, yard waste, and recycling. **Garbage pickup day is still every MONDAY.** Listed below are the exact dates for pickup of yard waste, bulk, and recycle through June, 2015:

YARD WASTE

Tuesdays

2015

6 Jan 2015
20 Jan 2015
3 Feb 2015
17 Feb 2015
3 Mar 2015
17 Mar 2015
31 Mar 2015
14 Apr 2015
28 Apr 2015
12 May 2015
26 May 2015
9 Jun 2015
23 Jun 2015

BULK

Tuesdays

6 Jan 2015
20 Jan 2015
3 Feb 2015
17 Feb 2015
3 Mar 2015
17 Mar 2015
31 Mar 2015
14 Apr 2015
28 Apr 2015
12 May 2015
26 May 2015
9 June 2015
23 Jun 2015

RECYCLE

Mondays

12 Jan 2015
26 Jan 2015
9 Feb 2015
23 Feb 2015
9 Mar 2015
23 Mar 2015

6 Apr 2015
20 Apr 2015
4 May 2015
18 May 2015
1 Jun 2015
15 Jun 2015
29 Jun 2015



Our 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. You may also visit the city's website at <http://www.detroitmi.gov> and click on Dept. of Public Works.



Winter Safety

Our dues cover the cost of street snow plowing. Sidewalks are the responsibility of each household. When snow is expected, keep your vehicles off the street so that the plow can clear the streets more thoroughly. Neighbors, please don't forget that even though it's cold outside, we must still keep up maintenance on our properties. This includes shoveling your walkways and sidewalks to ensure that the volunteers who deliver your newsletter, the mail carrier, and visitors do not slip and fall.



CALL TO REPORT

Cars coming and going all times of the day/night? "Visitors" hanging out on the front porch, day and night? Numerous cars parked on the street/yard!? Won't cut the grass? Loud music, no matter what time of day/night...in cars or in houses? Basketball hoop in the street? Trash cans not taken from the street for days after trash pickups?

SOLUTIONS: TAKE PHOTOS...send them to me.

Car(s), addresses, trash, etc.

Oliver Cole, President-Grandmont #1, 313-320-0627
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<http://www.facebook.com/Grandmont1ImprovementOrganization>



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 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.

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.

INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION BY COUNTY SHERIFF

The Community Safety Program's Crime Prevention Task Force will host an Internet Safety Presentation by the Wayne County Sheriff Department, Saturday, Jan. 24 from Noon - 2:00 pm. The workshop is free and open to the public and will be held at the GRDC offices, 19800 Grand River. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Karen Johnson Moore at kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com or call 313-387-4732, ext. 110.

**PROSPERUS TRAINING OFFERS WINTER CLASSES**

ProsperUs Detroit will begin a 20-week winter training session this February, 2015. ProsperUs is a place-based community development program that empowers local entrepreneurs, operating on the principle that every neighborhood has untapped talent and the potential to revitalize itself and its local economy. The program teams up with community organizations in targeted Detroit neighborhoods to host its training sessions. Over the course of the training, students develop a business plan, receive 10 hours of follow up one-on-one training, and upon graduation become eligible to apply for loans and technical assistance. The ProsperUs Training will take place at the GRDC offices, 19800 Grand River. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Jordan Mulka at 313-297-0064 or jmulka@swsol.org.

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Oliver Cole — Annie Mae Holt — Duane Perry

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

Your 2015 annual dues are due. This covers the year Jan. 2015 - 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 _____

Dues: \$50

Amount enclosed: _____

Additional donation included: _____

Be a Volunteer!**(check your interests)**

- | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens' Radio Patrol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Assessment District | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development |

Get Involved, Stay Informed, Do Your Part

Anytime a group of homeowners work together for a common goal, practically *anything* is possible. From increasing our community's aesthetic appeal and eliminating neighborhood crime, to creating a more influential voice in regional issues, the opportunities to benefit from being a part of a community association are waiting to be seized. The possibilities are limited only by our ability to work *together*.

Our community association is no different than any other organization. In order to succeed and reach its potential, it needs the support and *involvement* of its residents. Just think of the goals that can be achieved when we *all* work together for the betterment of our community. Think of Grandmont #1 Improvement Association as a tool to help us create a more comfortable lifestyle. But, like any tool, we need to learn how to use it effectively before it can do any good. Get involved, stay informed and do your part. **You won't be sorry!**

**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.

**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 or call 313.272.4810. Content is due by March 10, 2015 for distribution in April, 2015.

Advertising Rates

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

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& check payable to Grandmont #1
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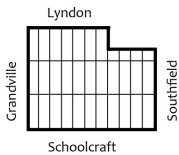
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