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Northwest Detroit's Pride Community

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President's Message



Greetings!!!

2015 was a very successful year for Grandmont #1!!! We are looking forward to 2016 with much enthusiasm.

Our goals for 2016 are to:

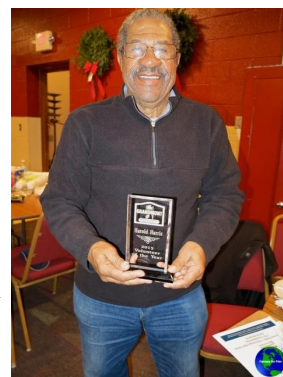
- ◆ start the campaign for the Special Assessment District
- ◆ continue to provide street snow plowing for our subdivision
- ◆ have our annual community picnic in the Rosemont/Acacia Park and parade
- ◆ have some form of a "Seniors Appreciation" lunch/dinner
- ◆ continue our code enforcements, vacant lot clean-ups and grass cuttings
- ◆ award the first of our scholarships to qualifying students in Grandmont #1
- ◆ have and increase participation in "Walk Your Block"
- ◆ continue our support/participation with our fellow GRDC communities/partners, and
- ◆ look forward to seeing MORE OF YOU at our monthly meetings and gatherings!

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Oliver Cole

Grandmont #1 Volunteer of the Year Award

Our 1st Grandmont #1 Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Mr. Harold Harris who lives on Artesian Street and has been a member of our community for almost 30 years. He has volunteered tirelessly and participated in many functions and events. Harold serves as Corresponding Secretary for Grandmont #1 Improvement Association and Distribution Coordinator for Grandmont #1 Newsletter. He is a key volunteer with the Mower Project which provides grass cutting and clean up of vacant properties. He is a member of the vacant property task force and has spent many hours verifying and listing the vacant homes in Grandmont#1. He is the liaison for grants given for various projects in the neighborhood. Harold is a former long-time member of the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) Board of Directors and was recently named the 2015 Community Champion for GRDC.




Harold is the first person at our monthly meetings and the last to leave. He makes it his business to meet all of the new residents on Artesian, invites them to the monthly meetings and informs them about the Grandmont #1 community. He shares with them the importance of paying their dues and is the reason that Artesian has the highest rate of dues-paying residents in Grandmont #1.

Harold and his wife, Geraldine, are the kind of advocates that make a good community **great!** On behalf of Grandmont #1 Improvement Association, we thank you, Harold, for your dedication, kindness, and for all that you do for our community.

Block Captain List

We would like to update our Block Captain List. Please call Harold Harris, Director at Large, (313) 272-9165, with any additions or changes to the list. Thank you for your time. We appreciate all that you do in the Grandmont #1 community.

	Schoolcraft/Kendall	Kendall/Acacia	Acacia/Lyndon
Ashton	Justin/Lakisha Harris/ Ernestine Smith	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	Curtis Kelsey	Curtis Kelsey
Glastonbury	Alma Jackson/Jed Roberson	Gwen Liggons/Cheryl Minniefield	Carol Hanson
Stahelin	Charles Momon/Annie Holt	Annie Holt	Jerry Anderson/Annie Mae Holt
Artesian	Harold Harris	Harold Harris	Leathe Larde/Willie Hunt
Warwick	Michael McGee/Harold Harris	Michael McGee/Harold Harris	Michael McGee/Harold Harris
Piedmont	Dorothy Bright	Margaret Sanford/Kai Pollard/ John Gordon	Oliver Cole/John Gordon
Grandville	James Kennard	James Kennard	Darlene Nero

Getting to Know Your Neighbors Creates Community

In our fast-paced, stress-filled world, we often don't create the opportunities that we need in order to get to know our neighbors. In days' past, good neighbor relations were the staple of every strong community. Being able to share life's experiences, both good and bad, with those who live so close to us was once considered one of life's greatest blessings.

These days, it's the exception rather than the rule to take the time to create strong relationships with the people we share our community with. Each one of us has a story to tell, a hand to lend, a laugh to share, and friendship to give. What keeps us from extending so much of ourselves to the families that live around our own may be those same things that prevent us from experiencing many of the great blessings of our parents or of our youth...a changing world that focuses more on the individual than the family and the need to remain isolated in order to feel "safe and secure."

If we want to grow as a community, then we have to risk breaking free from the isolation that is so easily created by and for us. We must reach out to our neighbors and let them know they matter and that we care. If we do, even the in the most seemingly insignificant of ways —like a wave as we pass on the street —then we are moving toward a better community and a better way of life.

We must work harder in order to reconnect with one another and create a better environment in which to live.

*You are what you give,
Not what you get,
And what you give is yours to keep forever.*

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

New Residents

Denise Avery — *Artesian*

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Williams—*Artesian*

Courtney Benjamin — *Artesian*

Walter Long, Jr. — *Greenview*

Kenneth Keys & Mary Jones — *Warwick*

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:

January 5, 2016

February 2, 2016

March 1, 2016



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COUNCILMAN JAMES TATE 

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY SATELLITE HOURS
MEET WITH THE COUNCILMAN EVERY 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY FROM 11:00AM - 1:00PM



@ MOTOR CITY JAVA & TEA HOUSE
17336 LAHSER (OFF GRAND RIVER)

BRING YOUR ISSUES, IDEAS, THOUGHTS OR QUESTIONS
THE COUNCILMAN WILL PROVIDE THE COFFEE
(THEY ALSO HAVE TEA AND DELICIOUS SMOOTHIES!)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SATELLITE OFFICE, CALL 313-224-1786
TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER DISTRICT 1 ACTIVITIES
LIKE US AT: [FACEBOOK.COM/DISTRICT1DETROIT](https://www.facebook.com/district1detroit)

CODE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Hope everyone had a pleasant Holiday Season!

Your Code Compliance Committee is working for you. Over the past year, we have taken quite a few abandoned vehicles off our streets. The city has ticketed many properties for blight and other code violations. Your help in pointing these out has been fantastic. It shows we do care about our community and are willing to help make it better.



Thank you to the neighbors who helped clear and take out trash from vacant properties. There is still more work to be done. City and county tax foreclosures have hit the area pretty hard. More homes will become vacant during this process so we need to be vigilant. In addition, the winter weather is upon us. It is your responsibility to keep sidewalks clear of snow. Our association does not cover snow removal on sidewalks. Help keep yours and maybe a vacant house cleaned this winter—I clear two on my street. Keep in mind that any snow covered sidewalks can be a code violation and subject to city fines. At this time, I would personally like to thank everyone for their encouragement, their attention to blighted properties, abandoned vehicles and the way you have reported them. Let's make 2016 even more fruitful in our neighborhood and show the rest of the city that Grandmont #1 is Northwest Detroit's Pride Community.

Thanks,

David Becker

Code Violations Committee Chair-person

pepedout2000@yahoo.com

DETROIT CITY SERVICES:

Police Precinct/District: 8th/Northwest District
11450 Warwick
Detroit, MI 48228
(313) 596-5600

Neighborhood Police Officer:
NPO – Officer Shawn Childrey
(313)596-5217 (w) (313) 590-5199 (c)

Police Mini-Station Location: 8th
Crowell Recreational Center
16630 Lahser
Detroit, MI 48219

City Council District 1: District 1
Council Representative James Tate
Phone: (313) 224-1027
Email: councilmembertate@detroitmi.gov

Department of Neighborhood District Office:
Crowell Recreational Center
16630 Lahser
Detroit, MI 48219
Stephanie Young, Manager
Phone: (313) 236-3473
Email: youngst@detroitmi.gov
Reggie "Reg" Davis, Asst. Manager
Phone: (313) 236-3484
Email: davisr@detroitmi.gov

Safety/Security Information

Call 9-1-1 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: "TIP411" (847411) add DPD to message

Report auto theft anonymously

Call 1-800-242-HEAT (4328)

Report illegal gun activity anonymously

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

Report narcotics anonymously to Police

Call 313-224-DOPE (3673)

Rewards are available for information leading to arrest and prosecution.



Grandmont #1 has a new website!!!!!!!!!!

Yes, it is true! Just go to www.grandmont1.org to register. Click on "Sign In." When the pop-up window comes up, click on "Register Now." Fill in the basic requirements and that's it!

By completing the registration, you will be able to see all the hidden pages that are not public, participate on the discussion board and start your own topics. You will be entered into the e-mail blast which allows quick communication for areas of concern that may affect you and your family.

This website gives us another form of communicating and showing the general public and people considering our area what a great place we live in. The calendar will keep you up to date on many important happenings in the community. The pages and links section will keep you informed and linked to the most important areas of concern. If you would like a full demonstration of how our page looks to the general public versus what we as a community can see and do, email me at pepedout2000@yahoo.com and I would be more than happy to show you.

Sign-up and enjoy.

P.S. We have ad space to sell on this site. If you know anyone or company that would like to place an ad, contact me at pepedout2000@yahoo.com

The Grandmont #1 Young Seniors (55+)



Thanks Grandmont # 1 for your support of the Michigan CARE ACT – SB 352!

The CARE ACT will **record** the name of the family caregiver when a loved one is admitted into the hospital. The hospital will **notify** the family caregiver if the loved one is to be discharged to another facility or back home. The hospital will **provide** an explanation and live instruction of any medical tasks—such as medication, management, injections, wound care and transfer — that the family caregiver will need to perform at home. *Anne Mae Holt*

Sherry's Coffee & Conversations

There is nothing I love more than hearing from my constituents about the issues that matter to them, and there is no better way to do that than by attending my coffee hours, hosted regularly throughout the year. I will be hosting a coffee and community conversations event.

Friday, March 4, 2016

8:30am - 10:00 am

McDonald's

18403 Grand River Avenue

Detroit, MI

State Representative

Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, M.ED.



Nut and Golden Raisin Granola

"Great for snacking"

- 2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/3 c. chopped walnuts
- 1/3 c. slivered almonds
- 2 Tbs. firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/3 c. golden raisins (or dried cranberries)
- 1/8 t. kosher salt
- ¼ c. maple syrup
- 3 Tbs. canola oil
- Freshly grated orange zest (1 orange)
- 1 Tbs. water



Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Grease a rimmed baking sheet with oil or line with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, combine the oats, walnuts, almonds, brown sugar, raisins, and salt.

In a small saucepan, combine syrup, oil, orange zest, and water. Bring mixture to a simmer. Pour the mixture over the oat mixture and stir until thoroughly mixed. Spread evenly on baking sheet. (You can make teaspoon-size clusters. The clusters can be loose and touching.)

Bake granola for 30 minutes. No need to stir. Let cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

Detroit Home Repair Loans for 0% Interest

The Detroit 0% Interest Home Repair Loan program offers 0% interest loans from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to help homeowners invest in and repair their homes. Having well-maintained homes promote public health and safety, increase property values and help residents secure and maintain homeowners' insurance. Applications are now being accepted. For information on applying, go to www.detroithomeloans.org. You can also visit any of the City of Detroit Rec Centers to pick up an Intake Form.

RESIDENTIAL TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE AND SERVICES

Trash pickup day is every MONDAY. Listed below are the dates for **bulk** and **recycle** pickups through April, 2016.

Yard Waste will resume in mid-April, 2016

BULK

Tuesdays

05 Jan 2016

19 Jan 2016

02 Feb 2016

16 Feb 2016

01 Mar 2016

15 Mar 2016

29 Mar 2016

12 Apr 2016

26 Apr 2016

RECYCLE

Mondays

11 Jan 2016

25 Jan 2016

08 Feb 2016

22 Feb 2016

07 Mar 2016

21 Mar 2016

04 Apr 2016

18 Apr 2016



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



Four Tips for Donating a Computer

How to donate or recycle your used equipment



Your old computer might have some life left in it; however, dropping it off at your favorite nonprofit, charity, or library might not be the best way to pass it on. Every computer dumped into a landfill represents a missed opportunity to provide technology and tools to individuals and organizations that may not be able to afford it. Even if a computer cannot be reused, recycling ensures that valuable raw materials are recovered from used computers and that any waste is disposed of in an environmentally sound fashion. Below are some tips for passing along your used but still useful equipment.

- 1. Determine if Your Old Computer Can Be Reused**—If your computer is less than five years old, chances are it can be put to good use by someone else. Usually, the lifespan of a computer is seven to eight years. Extending the computer's lifespan through reuse provides the highest environmental benefits of all electronics disposal alternatives.
- 2. Remember the Software, Documentation, and Accessories** - Include the keyboard, mouse, printer, and any other accessories you have used with the computer. Keeping the Certificate of Authenticity sticker (usually on the computer) intact is generally the most important thing to remember.
- 3. If You Clear Your Computer of Personal Information Yourself, Use Disk-Cleaning Software** - The best way to protect against any unauthorized use of personal information is to use a disk-cleaning tool that obliterates all data on the hard drive. Personal information includes: your Internet browser's cache, cookies, history; your email contacts and messages; your documents; your recycle or trash folder; and all nontransferable software.
- 4. Keep a List of What You Donated for Your Records** - Remember that tax season is right around the corner — and you are likely eligible for a deduction if you donate to a nonprofit organization. For more information on tax laws related to computer donation, see Section 170 of the Federal Income Tax Code.

For more information, contact Willie E. Brake, All About Technology, at www.all-about-technology.com or (313) 218.4888.

Grandmont #1 2016-2018 Officers

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Representatives for GRDC Board of Directors

Oliver Cole — Annie Mae Holt — Duane Perry

Grandmont #1 Improvement Association
2016 Annual Dues


Your 2016 annual dues are due. This covers the year Jan. 2016 through Dec. 2016. 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens' Radio Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations |
| <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!!

BECOME A PRECINCT DELEGATE FOR PRECINCT 361 — YOUR VOTING PRECINCT!

Precinct Delegates serve as a bridge between their neighbors and the political party. They help educate people on issues, get people interested in joining the political party, and help mobilize voters to take actions during political elections.

You must be 18 years old and must be registered and reside in the Precinct you want to run in. Grandmont #1 will have a sign-up sheet for Precinct Delegates at the January 5, 2016 neighborhood association meeting.

Precinct 361 needs you!

For more information regarding filing for office, visit the Michigan Department of State—Bureau of Elections website at www.michigan.gov/elections and click on Information for Candidates.

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For more information contact: Cheryl Sonnenberg, Program Manager at csonnenberg@pvm.org or (248) 281-8177

Support Your Neighborhood by Paying Your Dues for 2016

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 or call (313)272-4810. Content is due by Mar. 10, 2016 for distribution in the April 2016 issue. Please send articles in Microsoft Word format. We reserve the right to edit for content.

Advertising Rates

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info, call Denise Cole, (313)320-0627

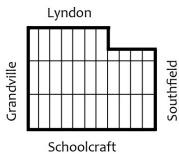
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