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*Northwest Detroit's Pride Community*

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## Grandmont #1 Resident—Wanda Olugbala



I joined GirlTrek in 2014. When I joined I really wanted to make a change and make my health a priority in my life. Like most black women, my family has a long history of heart disease and diabetes. My goal has always been to end these generational curses in my family. So I walk. I walk for my health. I walk to have time to spend with my son. I walk for my sanity. I walk.

In 2015, I became Neighborhood Captain for GirlTrek for the Grandmont/Rosedale area. Along with my team, the Stoepel Steppers, I have hosted #SuperHeroSaturday walks at Stoepel Park every Saturday morning at 8 am since last April. During the summer months, we also walk at Flintstone (Rosemont/Acacia Park) during the week. And, in the winter, we can be found walking Fairlane Towne Center.

We walk to be a part of GirlTrek, a national health movement for African-American women and girls dedicated to eradicating the health crisis black women face. We walk for our health. We walk to build community. We walk to change the conversation about black women and health. We walk because we want to set healthier examples for our children and families.

This April, GirlTrek will sponsor its Annual 30 Day Jumpstart. Team Stoepel Steppers invite you to join us as we commit to walk for 30 minutes 5 days a week. The 30 Day Jumpstart is fun. It's easy. And we'll be there to support you every step of the way!

If the Stoepel Steppers are able to get at least 10 women in our neighborhood to complete the 30 day Jumpstart, we will be eligible to submit a grant to offer one deserving young woman from our neighborhood a \$1,000 scholarship. Every woman who completes the challenge will receive the coveted GirlTrek "Golden Shoelaces".

Team Stoepel Steppers will walk Stoepel Park on Saturday, April 16th and Saturday, April 23rd. Meet and Greet is at 7:50 am. We walk at 8:00am. For more information about GirlTrek and to register for our team, please visit [www.girltrek.org](http://www.girltrek.org).

We hope to see you on the trek!  
Wanda Olugbala



## President's Message



Hello and Happy Springtime!!

Starting in May, our **"Walk Your Block"** will restart for the second year. We hope to see more of you out walking with us this year. The **NEW DAY** for our walks will be on **Sundays** from 3pm-5pm. It usually takes about 45 minutes to walk the entire 3-street blocks from Lyndon to Schoolcraft. As we walk, we observe, make and take notes on vacant property, abandoned cars, broken sidewalks, street problems, etc. We use our smartphones to make an immediate report using the **"Improve Detroit App"**. We also use these walks to meet/greet neighbors as we see many of them in their yards.

We will award our 1st Grandmont #1 Improvement Association's Positive Youth Development (PYD) scholarship this year. The Application Form to apply for the scholarship is on page 6 in this issue of the *Informer*.

We will be getting in contact with businesses in the Grandmont #1 community and the larger District 1 community to get them to place ads in our quarterly newsletter.

Hope to see you at our monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, at Macedonia Baptist Church.

*Oliver Cole*

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## Save the Date!!!



### Grandmont #1 Annual Family Picnic

**Saturday, June 18, 2016**

**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!!!**

**The State of Education in Michigan**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Detroit Public Schools**

**Legislative Update Town Hall**

Join me for a town hall on education issues affecting Detroit Public Schools.

**Monday, April 11 • 5 p.m.**

Wayne County Community College N.W. Campus  
8200 Outer Drive W. • Detroit

**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

2016  
*Graduate*

**Congratulations!!!**

Grandmont #1 Informer will acknowledge and publish, in the Summer 2016 issue, all graduates who submit their name, date of graduation, and school information to:

[grandmontlinformer@gmail.com](mailto:grandmontlinformer@gmail.com)

**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 5, 2016**

**May 3, 2016**

**June 7, 2016**



**IF YOU ARE BEHIND ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXES, THERE IS HELP TO PREVENT YOUR HOME FROM GOING INTO FORECLOSURE**

**IF YOU ARE 3 OR MORE YEARS BEHIND ON YOUR TAXES, YOU MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY TO STOP WAYNE COUNTY FROM TAKING YOUR PROPERTY**

**FIND OUT IF YOUR PROPERTY IS HEADING TO FORECLOSURE:** Visit [treasurer.waynecounty.com](http://treasurer.waynecounty.com) or call (313) 224-5990.

**DETERMINE IF YOU CAN PAY YOUR TAXES NOW OR GET ON A PAYMENT PLAN:** Paying off the earlier tax years in full or getting on a payment plan will protect you from losing your home. Visit the [Treasurer's Office, 400 Monroe St.](#) to pay your taxes or make payment arrangements.

**IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY:** Call the Foreclosure Prevention Hotline (313) 405-7726, visit [uchcdetroit.org](http://uchcdetroit.org) or you can email [taxinfo@waynecounty.com](mailto:taxinfo@waynecounty.com)

- **GET AN EXTENSION:** If you are low-income, you may qualify for an extension with Wayne County or be eligible for financial assistance from the State of Michigan.
- **GET HELP WITH PROBATE FOR A DECEASED OWNER:** If the owner of the property is deceased, you can file a probate case and the property may be removed from foreclosure.
- **TO REDUCE FUTURE TAXES, ENSURE YOU HAVE A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION (PRE):** To file or get additional info, visit the [City Assessors Office, 2 Woodward Ave. – 8<sup>th</sup> floor](#) or at [detroitmi.gov](http://detroitmi.gov)

**TENANTS OR LAND CONTRACT HOLDERS** If you rent or have a land contract, your options are different from those of homeowners. Renters should not pay their landlord's taxes! Call the Foreclosure Prevention Hotline (313) 405-7726



## CODE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Happy Spring to all...a few updates.

Beginning sometime in mid-to-late April, Advanced Disposal will begin picking up yard waste on an every other week schedule. As soon as I get the dates, they will be posted on our website <http://www.grandmont1.org/> on the calendar page. If a violation is found, you will be given a notice to correct the infraction. If the infraction is not taken care of in the time allotted, the city will then issue a ticket to you. The average ticket fine is between \$100 to \$2500 depending on the ordinance violated and the number of times that same ordinance has been violated at your residence or business. The court that handles the ticket violations is sticking to the ticket/tickets written and not showing any leniency.



Please follow these simple rules:

1. Garbage and recycling Courville containers should be put out no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before our pick-up day on Mondays.
2. Those same Courville containers should be brought back beyond the front of your house no later than nightfall the day they are picked up.
3. All yard waste must be put into yard paper bags, or if branches, must be cut to 3-foot lengths, bundled, and tied.
4. All yard waste should be put out no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before our pick-up day on Mondays.
5. Bulk items, which cannot include any building products, should be put out no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before our pick-up day on Tuesdays.
6. Garbage is picked up every week. Recyclables, bulk and yard waste are picked up every other week. Yard waste and bulk trash are picked up the opposite weeks as recyclables.
7. Go to our web site at <http://www.grandmont1.org/> to see the dates for pick-up. These and other code violations if not taken care of by the time given on your notice will be turned over to the city, and fines and other actions could be taken against you. Please follow the rules. This applies to all residents, renters, and businesses within our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [pepedout2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pepedout2000@yahoo.com) or call (734) 709-7579. Please help maintain and increase the integrity and value of our neighborhood. We will be starting a new program soon to help keep our neighborhood more presentable and inviting. More information to come.

*Thanks,*

*David Becker*

*Code Violations Committee Chair-person*

[pepedout2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pepedout2000@yahoo.com)

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## RESIDENTIAL TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE AND SERVICES

**Trash pickup day is every MONDAY.** As of this printing, the exact dates for yard waste pickup is not available. David Becker, Code Compliance Chair, will publish dates on our website at <http://www.grandmont1.org/> as soon as they become available. We will also publish the schedule in the Summer 2016 *Informer* for bulk, yard waste, and recycling.

Advanced Disposal located at 12255 Southfield Road, Detroit, MI 48228. This is the same location used 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 Department of Public Works.



## The Grandmont #1 Young Seniors (55+)

Join the MOVEMENT through a free physical activity program at:  
**Adam Butzel Recreational Center**  
**10500 Lyndon, Detroit**

The moderate – intensity exercise is held on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.



Participate in the **2016 Detroit Senior Olympics**  
 to be held June 13-16, 2016.

Call (313) 224-1125 to register

Competition: Bid Whist, 9-hole golf, bowling, tennis, horse shoes, track & field, swimming, basketball, table tennis, Frisbee toss

Contact Annie Mae (313) 615-6248 for additional information

## Green Your Home

**REFRESH YOUR HOME NATURALLY THIS  
 SPRING FOR CLEANER INDOOR AIR, WATER  
 AND HOUSEHOLD SURFACES**

### Baking Soda

Use baking soda to clean and deodorize your home's drains, kitchen surfaces, and carpets before you vacuum. See additional tips at [armandhammer.com](http://armandhammer.com)



### Vinegar

Use white distilled vinegar to remove residue on showers doors, in toilets and on windows. See more at [versatilevinegar.org](http://versatilevinegar.org)

### Dehumidifier

Use a dehumidifier to remove excess moisture which can build up in the spring and encourage mold, dust mites and bacteria.

### Microfiber Towel

Wipe away dust with a microfiber towel or damp cotton cloth, and skip chemical dusting sprays.

### Filtered Water

Filter tap water to remove contaminants. A reverse osmosis system removes the most impurities, but a simple water filtration pitcher helps. Learn more at [ewg.org](http://ewg.org)

from Balanced Living



Senator David Knezek has a monthly e-newsletter with pertinent information regarding legislative topics being discussed in Lansing and district resources available to you. If you or your organization have any event that you would like to publish in his upcoming e-newsletter, contact his office at:

[sendknezek@senate.michigan.com](mailto:sendknezek@senate.michigan.com)

## Grandmont #1 Improvement Association's Positive Youth Development (PYD) Scholarship Application

Grandmont #1 Improvement Association's Positive Youth Development (PYD) Program offers scholarships for youth who wish to further their education beyond high school including college or university, vocational/technical school or junior college. Scholarships in the amount of \$250 - \$500 will be awarded during 2016.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended (or Graduated From): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Membership Dues Paid (circle one): YES or NO

For Scholarship Consideration each applicant must:

- Complete Scholarship Application Form
- Submit this application and all attachments on or before April 16, 2016
- Parent/guardian must be current dues paying member of the Grandmont #1 Improvement Association
- Must have completed all requirements of the PYD 3 Tier Program or has volunteered 20 hours or more in the PYD program within one year of the date of this application.
- Submit a minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation from: principal/teacher/guidance counselor, employer, etc.
- Copy of your High School Transcript with a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better
- Copy of a letter of acceptance from the college or school you will attend in the Fall 2016
- Submit an essay in 300-500 words on "How the Positive Youth Development Program has shaped my future goals" or "How I Plan to Give Back to My Community After I Graduate from College"
- Email all documentation as an attachment to [sdavis78@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdavis78@sbcglobal.net)

If you need assistance or have questions about these scholarship requirements, please email [sdavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdavis@sbcglobal.net).

**Completed scholarship applications must be submitted by April 16, 2016.**

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**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!!****Help Keep Your Vehicle Safe From Theft**

With the rise of auto thefts in our area, a few simple precautions can help keep your vehicle safe.

- Park in your garage if you have one. Even if you regularly park in the garage but leave the vehicle out "just this one time", your car is a TARGET! It's like going to the gas station and even though locking your car, you leave valuables or your purse "hidden" because you'll only be gone a "minute". NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE IN YOUR CAR...EVER, NOT ANYWHERE!
- If you must leave your car in the driveway, invest in a driveway sensor. The alarm will alert you and you will be able to hear anyone coming up your driveway. They are inexpensive. Check out Harbor Freight or other hardware stores.
- Never leave your car on the street if you have a driveway, even in a well-lit area.
- Keep your car remote/alarm with you. If you are alerted, even in the middle of the night, pushing the panic button will make enough noise to let any vandals AND your neighbors know something is happening that shouldn't be.

**MOST IMPORTANT**—always be vigilant! Pay attention to who is around you and what is happening at all times—EVEN when you are at home! Regularly look out of your windows and make note of people/vehicles you know are unusual and shouldn't be there and anything you know shouldn't be happening.



### 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](mailto:grandmont1informer@gmail.com) or call (313)272-4810. Content is due by June 10, 2016 for distribution in the July 2016 issue. Please send articles in **Microsoft Word format**. We reserve the right to edit for content.

### Advertising Rates

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  
Improvement Association at PO Box  
23065, Detroit MI 48223. For more  
info, call Denise Cole, (313)320-0627

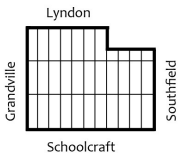
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