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How do you say

*Welcome to my home?*

Enter the Grandmont #1 Improvement Association's  
**Best Dressed Door Contest**

Prizes awarded for the best dressed door  
1st place—\$200 Home Improvement Gift Card  
2nd place—\$100 Home Improvement Gift Card  
3rd place—\$50 Home Improvement Gift Card

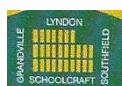
\*\*The top 3 winners will also be professionally photographed along with their owner for the cover of an upcoming Grandmont #1 Informer\*\*

### How to enter

1. email up to 3 photo attachments along with your name, address, and phone number to [grandmont1informer@gmail.com](mailto:grandmont1informer@gmail.com)  
ADDRESSES WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED

### Contest Rules

1. Must be a resident of Grandmont #1
2. Association dues must be current (2018/2019)
3. Only the door and its attachments will be considered
4. Contest ends November 30, 2018
5. Winners will be announced at the Grandmont #1 Meeting and Annual Dinner on December 4, 2018



**Last Day to Register for November General Election is Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

**State General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

The Department of Elections (313) 876-0190

## President's Message



Hello Grandmont #1!!!

As our summer comes to a close, we look back on our many accomplishments — a successful Annual Community Picnic, Annual Blues Music Event, Vacant Property Task Force, “Walk Your Block” and newsletters.

We are thankful for the increase in dues-paying members and the pride shown in our t-shirt wearing members. We still have t-shirts available for those who DID NOT get one for their 2018 dues payment. Contact me.

As we move into the fall/winter months, we are pleased to continue our “curb-to-curb” snow plowing which is paid for by YOUR Grandmont #1 Improvement Association dues.

We have some ideas going forward — pursuing becoming a 501c3 organization, Art in the Park, a Beautiful Door Contest, and a Voter Registration Drive.

Please remember to pay your 2019 dues which is \$50 per household, apartment or business. A form is available on page 7 for your convenience. You may also pay your dues at the monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month.

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

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**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 Theresa Dillard, Grandmont #1 Treasurer, to update your contact information. Call (313) 272-1658 or e-mail [mstadillard@outlook.com](mailto:mstadillard@outlook.com)



Would you like an electronic copy of the *Informer*?  
If so, send the following information to:

[grandmont1informer@gmail.com](mailto:grandmont1informer@gmail.com):

Your name, address, phone number, and email address

**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).

**Monthly meeting dates:**

**October 2, 2018**

**November 6, 2018**

**December 4, 2018**

**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association  
2019 Annual Dues**

It's the time of year when we start collecting Association dues. Please complete the 2019 Annual Dues form on page 7 of the *Informer*.

Also, we ask that you consider participating in one or more of the committees listed. Check the box next to your interest. Please share your talents with us.

**WE NEED YOU!!!**



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## New City Waste Collection Notice System

To sign up for weekly trash / recycling / bulk pickup reminder, text your street address to 313-800-7905.

This system works very well. You will receive a reminder around 6 p.m. the day before a collection is scheduled.

You will also get other information such as holiday schedules for the City of Detroit, information on hazardous waste disposal, etc.



### REASONS vs RESULTS

#### KEEP US ALIVE DRIVE 25!



Faust Avenue, Tuesday, August 7, 2018, a weekday morning, 8:20 A.M.

#### REASON:

Driver fell asleep  
 Driver was using legal or illegal substance consumption  
 Driver had a medical emergency  
 Driver hit wet pavement  
 Driver had sun in his/her eyes  
 Driver didn't have enough light to see  
 Driver swerved out of the way of another obstacle  
 Driver driving too fast  
 Driver almost hit another vehicle

#### RESULT:

Property damage  
 Physical harm  
 Emotional harm  
 Warning to all  
 Emotional distress for block

**Check any or all of the above!**

Come on People!..... **KEEP US ALIVE! DRIVE 25!**

### VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE MEETING – Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Want to get involved with a committed group of Grandmont Rosedale residents to help keep our neighborhood safe and beautiful? Join the Vacant Property Task Force and see how you can help. The VPTF meeting is on Tuesday, October 16 at 10 am at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River. For more information, contact GRDC's Community Engagement Manager Kitty Yarbrough at 313.387.4732, ext. 103.

### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING – Thursday, October 25, 2018

The next Neighborhood Safety Meeting is Thursday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. The guest speaker at this Neighborhood Safety Meeting will be Matt Conquest from Crime Stoppers of Michigan who will give a presentation on Preventing Senior Scamming. All Neighborhood Safety Meetings are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact GRDC's Community Engagement Manager Kitty Yarbrough at 313.387.4732, ext. 103.



Grandmont #1 Young Senior 55+

**SENIORS**

*Please **continue** to take*

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**for the**

**ENERGY**

**YOU BRING INTO**

**THIS SPACE**

**Collect information about THE BALLOT ISSUES:**

**Promote the Vote**

**Voters Not Politicians**

**Legalization of Marijuana**

**Wayne County Community College**

**Charter Commission**

**Straight Party Voting**

**Earned Paid Sick Time**

**One Fair Wage**

Then, take **five** people to the polls, November 6, 2018. Your **ONE** vote makes a positive difference. If you need more information, please contact **Annie Mae Holt**, 313-615-6248.

## Who is the Ombudsman for the City of Detroit and What Does the Office of the Ombudsman Do?

Bruce Simpson is the Ombudsman for the City of Detroit. He began his ten-year term in October, 2015. He was appointed by the Detroit City Council and is responsible for accepting and investigating complaints such as:

- Vacant and dangerous buildings/properties
- Overgrown grass and weeds
- Abandoned vehicles
- Snow removal
- Water main breaks and disputed water bills
- Property and income tax
- Tree maintenance, trimming and removal
- Public Lighting



The Ombudsman works with every department within the City of Detroit.  
Contact Information:

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2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 114  
Detroit, MI 48226  
313-224-6000  
ombudsman@detroitmi.gov  
Office Hours—8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

For more information, go to

<http://www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/File/Ombudsman-FAQs>





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### Mexican Corn Bread

1 c. yellow corn meal  
1/3 c. all-purpose flour  
2 T. sugar  
1 t. salt  
2 t. baking powder  
1/2 t. baking soda

2 eggs, beaten  
1 c. buttermilk  
1/4 c. vegetable oil  
1 c. cream style corn  
1/3 c. chopped onion  
2 T. chopped green onion  
1/2 c. shredded cheddar cheese



In a mixing bowl, combine the first six ingredients. In a separate bowl, combine the remaining ingredients; add to the dry ingredients and stir just until moistened. Pour into a greased 9-in square baking pan or 10-in. ovenproof skillet. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until bread is golden brown and done. 8-10 servings.

### Are You Connected?



Nextdoor.com is an online network where neighbors can communicate with each other. They can share their thoughts and ideas, community events, crime reports, neighborhood improvement recommendations, lost pets and many other things. All you need to do is go to [nextdoor.com/join](http://nextdoor.com/join), enter your email address and residential street address (you cannot use a PO Box) and click **Find your neighborhood**. Grandmont #1 already has a Nextdoor website so you will automatically be directed to it. Complete the required fields.

You might have received an invitation to join Nextdoor from one of your neighbors, just follow the special link on your invitation to create an account and click **Sign up**.

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**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association  
2019 Annual Dues**

Your 2019 annual dues are due. This covers the year Jan. 2019 through Dec. 2019. Please return this form with your check or money order for \$50 to:

**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association  
PO Box 23065, Detroit, MI 48223**

**or use PayPal:** [http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=9MUH5XKN22QHL](http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9MUH5XKN22QHL)

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Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I am interested in: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Beautification, Bylaws, Code Compliance, Citizens' Radio Patrol, Membership, Newsletter, Nominations, Seniors, Vacant Property Taskforce, Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Welcome

***Thank you for your support!!*****Neighborhood District Team**

Meet your Department of Neighborhoods District team—Latrice McClendon and Kya Robertson. They will work with our neighborhood, other communities, faith-based organizations, and local businesses to address our concerns. Latrice and Kya will coordinate with the appropriate city departments to resolve all blight-related issues including dangerous building demolitions, repurposing vacant lots and structurally sound vacant buildings as well as non-structural blight.



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### Support Your Neighborhood by Paying Your Dues for 2019

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. PayPal is also available using the link shown on page 7. The dues pay the bills and are the neighborhood's only source of income. We use the money for "curb-to-curb" snow plowing of our streets, newsletters, events, and vacant property maintenance—all things necessary to keep our neighborhood looking good and our 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 December 10, 2018 for distribution in the Winter 2019 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**;  
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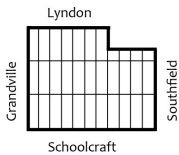
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