

# Grandmont #1 Informer

NORTHWEST DETROIT'S PRIDE COMMUNITY

Volume 51, Issue 4

Fall 2019



## Inside this issue:

President's Message	2
New Neighbor Information	3
Meeting Dates Waste Collection Information	3
Young Senior 55+ Information	4
Improve Detroit App	4
Census 2020 NEZ Information	5
Blues Photos	6
Annual Dues Form	7
Advertising Rates	8

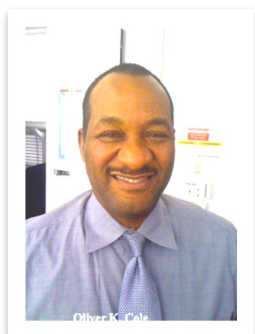


## Thank You Grandmont #1 Improvement Association Residents

**Thank you for your support and many contributions to our community!**

You help our community thrive, grow, and make it a great place to live because you — pay your dues, serve as block captains, distribute newsletters and flyers, come to monthly meetings, be watchful and helpful to neighbors, participate in clean-ups, keep your lawns maintained and homes beautiful, serve as officers and committee members, and volunteer to help with our many activities.

*We appreciate what you do and thank you for your continued support.*



## President's Message

Greetings to you and your family.

As one season ends, another begins.

We've had a wonderful summer full of events, from our picnic to the Blues Music event.

Our seasonal snow plowing curb-to-curb contract is approved, and we are ready for the 2019-2020 winter season.

We have ended our scholarship program due to a lack of participation and have folded those funds back into our treasury for general use.

We are making significant progress for our new 501(c)3 designation. This designation will allow us to move forward with acquiring property and make dues payments/donations tax-deductible. We have been blessed this year to receive gifts from politicians and businesses, to offset or help the costs of our picnic.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have new officers and board members in place for the 2020-2022 election cycles.

We all wish to extend a huge THANKS to Carolyn Nash, our Grandmont#1 Informer Editor, and Ruby Springer, our Secretary for their tireless work for our community over the past years. It is this type of volunteerism that makes Grandmont#1 Improvement Association work.

It is the people who volunteer and do the work in the shadows without accolades or fanfare that make our community and the lives of YOU, your family, better. Thanks is only one word we can use that will never come close to the appreciation for what they have done.

See you at our next meeting!!!

*Oliver Cole*

President-Grandmont #1 Improvement Association

313-320-0627

[fantasyonfilm@mac.com](mailto:fantasyonfilm@mac.com)

<http://www.facebook.com/Grandmont1ImprovementOrganization>



### Linda Streeter

Real Estate Consultant

Call/Text: 313-575-0362

23756 Michigan Ave

Dearborn, MI 48124

Email: [lindastreeter@realestateone.com](mailto:lindastreeter@realestateone.com)

Website: [lindastreeter.realestateone.com](http://lindastreeter.realestateone.com)

Just have questions? Call me, I love talking real estate.

*For help with all your real estate needs, buying or selling, I can help. Give me a call.*



## Freda West - Grandville

### 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)



### Are You Connected?

Nextdoor is a social networking service for neighborhoods, where neighbors can connect by sharing thoughts and ideas, post community events, crime reports, lost pets and many other useful details. Sign up today at [nextdoor.com/login](https://nextdoor.com/login). Sign up with **Grandmont #1 Neighborhood** and get connected!

## Gary's Complete Tree Service



**DANGEROUS TREE REMOVAL**  
**COMPLETE TREE REMOVAL**  
**TRIMMING**  
**STUMP GRINDING**  
**COMPLETE CLEAN-UP**

**We carry liability insurance**  
**We accept all major credit cards**

**Gary Jaworski 313-779-8025**



### 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 1, 2019**  
**November 5, 2019**  
**December 3, 2019**

### 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.



### Neighborhood District Team

Call Karla and Kya to help resolves issues on blight, vacant lots , neighborhood concerns, etc.

**Karla Williamson**  
 District Manager - District 1  
[313-236-4415](tel:313-236-4415)  
[williamsonk@detroitmi.gov](mailto:williamsonk@detroitmi.gov)

**Kya Robertson**  
 Deputy District Manager  
[\(313\) 236-3473](tel:313-236-3473)  
[robertsonkya@detroitmi.gov](mailto:robertsonkya@detroitmi.gov)



## Grandmont #1 Senior +55 Information

### STAY INFORMED, TO ACT!

#### Lower Drug Prescription Costs Are In Sight!

Under H.R. 3: Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would identify 250 brand-name drugs each year, that cost Medicare the most money and do not have generic competitors. The government would then negotiate the price of at least 25 of those medications directly with the companies. In addition, HHS would be required to negotiate the price of insulin, a drug whose costs per patient nearly doubled from 2012 to 2016.

#### Get Your Flu Shot!

Flu season is just around the corner! Stay one step ahead of the flu by getting your flu shot. Flu viruses change quickly, and new vaccines come out each year—so it's important to get a flu shot each year.

**The Flu shot is free** for people with Medicare Part B, once per flu season, it must be administered by a doctor or other health care providers (senior centers or pharmacies) that accept Medicare.

#### What is the Social Security Benefit?

- \$3,770 for someone who files at age 70
- \$2,861 for someone who files at **full retirement age** (currently 66)
- \$2,209 for someone who files at 62
- Married to a former spouse for 10 years? You may be entitled to benefits

#### COMMON SCAMS AND FRAUD WARNINGS

##### 7 ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME...NOT IN YOUR WALLET

- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate
- Medicare and Health Insurance Card
- Passport
- Checkbook and Blank Checks
- Password Cheat Sheet
- Work ID Badge



Submitted by Annie Holt, Chair of Senior Committee, Ernestine Smith and Harold Harris, Co - Chairs



### IMPROVE APP DETROIT

Reporting neighborhood problems such as fire hydrant issues, street lights out, running water, potholes, damaged street signs, and other issues to City Hall is easier than ever using the Improve Detroit mobile app.

Improve Detroit app uses your location and gives you a menu of common quality-of-life conditions to choose from in your service request.

Uploading a photo with your report also helps the City staff quickly identify the problem. You may comment on your submissions and you will be notified when the status of the issue is updated.

***For emergency, always dial 911***





## The 2020 Census Affects You and Your Community

- ⇒ The City of Detroit is gearing up for the 2020 U.S. Census, the nationwide count done each decade of every person living in the United States.
- ⇒ We need to make sure every Detroiter is counted, no matter their age, income, type of residency or immigration status.
- ⇒ An accurate count of the population of Detroit is critical. The city's population number determines how many lawmakers the city gets in Lansing and Washington, D.C., and how much federal funding the city receives for programs that serve Detroiters every day, from nutrition and housing assistance to roads and schools.
- ⇒ The 2020 Census form will be a short set of questions about the number of people living in your household, their ages, race, ethnicity and income. It's critical that you fill out your response will determine Detroit's Population and federal benefits for the next decade.
- ⇒ You can help ensure we count everyone

**BE COUNTED!**

[www.detroitmi.gov/census](http://www.detroitmi.gov/census)

## NEZ Property Tax Reduction Available to Qualified Grandmont #1 Residents

If you own and occupy your home in the Grandmont #1—Rosedale neighborhood and you purchased it after 12/31/96, you are likely eligible for a 15—25% reduction on your property taxes! Many eligible homeowners are already benefiting from this program, known as the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Homestead property tax abatement. The NEZ tax reduction certificate is good for 15 years.

### How can you tell if you are already enrolled?

If you are currently receiving two tax bills—one for a parcel #22-xxxxxxx and another for a parcel #27-xxxxxxx— you are already enrolled in this program. If you purchased your home after 12/31/96 and are receiving only one tax bill, for a parcel #22-xxxxxxx, you need to apply for the NEZH!

### Necessary qualifications

Here are the requirements for the NEZH, courtesy of the Detroit Assessor's Office:

- Your property must be in one to of the 52 NEZ Homestead Districts throughout the City of Detroit (Rosedale is one of them).
- You must have purchased the property after 12/31/96.
- You must both own and occupy the property as your principal residence.
- You must stay current on your property taxes.
- You must commit to a minimum of \$500 of improvements to your property over the course of 3 years.
- You must have filed a Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA) and Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) with the City of Detroit, Office of the Assessor.

### How to apply for the program

You may pick up an application in person at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Office of the Assessor, in Suite 804; you may request one by email to [assessorsspecialprocessing@detroitmi.gov](mailto:assessorsspecialprocessing@detroitmi.gov); or you may call 313-224 6989 to ask that one be mailed to you.

For additional information, contact the Detroit Assessor's office at the number above. And feel free to share this information with friends and associates.

# Grandmont #1 Improvement Association

## EVENTS CORNER

### Our 2019 Blues in Park and The Alzheimer's and Dementia Events

We extend our gratitude and appreciation to all of our volunteers and sponsors.

#### A Music in the Park 2019 Event

*"The Best Cure for  
the Blues is The Blues!"*

Featuring  
John's Carpet House  
Band

July 20, 2019  
Rosemont Acacia Park



Alzheimer's Association  
UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S  
AND DEMENTIA PRESENTATION

October 1, 2019  
Grandmont #1 Improvement Association Monthly Meeting

Pictured L-R: Alexander Jones, V.P., Mrs. Treena Horton, Program Coordinator-Alzheimer's Association,  
Annie Mae Holt – Senior Committee, Oliver Cole - President



**Grandmont #1 2020 – 2022 Officers**Oliver Cole.....[fantasyonfilm@mac.com](mailto:fantasyonfilm@mac.com)**President**.....(313)320-0627Alexander Jones.....[alexander-jones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alexander-jones@sbcglobal.net)**Vice-President**.....(313)443-1544Theresa Dillard.....[mstadillard@outlook.com](mailto:mstadillard@outlook.com)**Treasurer**.....(313)272-1658Annie Mae Holt.....[winstonlr1164@gmail.com](mailto:winstonlr1164@gmail.com)**Secretary**.....(313)273-0089

Harold Harris

**Corresponding Secretary**.....(313)407-2826**Board of Directors**Cheryl Minniefield.....[cminniefield@yahoo.com](mailto:cminniefield@yahoo.com)

(313)837-5048

Denise Cole.....[dsellcole@yahoo.com](mailto:dsellcole@yahoo.com)

(313)320-0627

T'Manda Denson-El.....[t.denson-el@att.net](mailto:t.denson-el@att.net)

(404)433-7634

**Members of GRDC Board of Directors**

Oliver Cole — Annie Mae Holt — Cheryl Minniefield

**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association**  
**Support Your Neighborhood**  
**by Paying Your Dues**  
**for 2020**



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, beautification, Positive Youth Development —all things necessary to keep our neighborhood looking good and our property values up.

**Your 2020 annual dues are due.** This covers the year Jan. 2020 through Dec. 2020. **Please return this form with your check or money order for \$50 to:**

**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association**  
**PO Box 23065, Detroit, MI 48223**  
 or go to **FACEBOOK** for the **PAYPAL** Link:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*Thank you for your support!!*

**TO**  
**Carolyn Nash AND Ruby Springer**

**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association**  
**Executive Board**

says

**THANK** *You*

**IN APPRECIATION OF YOU, AND YOUR DEDICATION**  
**TO MAKING THIS COMMUNITY GREAT.**

## Good News!!!

Grandmont#1 Informer is coming to your email.

**Starting with the Winter 2020 issue** we will be sending out the Informer to our neighbors via email.

Sign Up today to receive your copy by sending the following information to

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

1. First/Last Name
2. Home Address
3. Phone Number
4. Email Address

*\*\*We will continue to send hardcopies to those who do not have email.*

## 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)801-7660. Content is due by Dec. 10, 2019 for distribution in the Winter 2020 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

## Grandmont #1 Informer

*We Have A New Editor*

*Please Help Us Welcome*

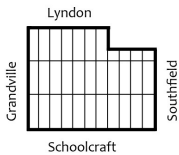


T'Manda Denson-El



**Find us on Facebook!**

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



**Grandmont #1 Improvement Association**  
**P.O. Box 23065**  
**Detroit, MI 48223**