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The Grandmont Community Association Serves approximately

ASSOCIATION 1100 residences in the Grandmont Community, including households south of Grand River, west of Asbury Park, north of Schoolcraft, and east of Southfield Freeway.

Mission Statement

The Grandmont Community Association (GCA) was formed for the preservation of the neighborhood: promotion of quality schools; civic education of the residents and promotion of cooperation and understanding between all of the residents and community businesses.

IMPORTANT LINKS

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JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/ GrandmontCommunityAssociation/

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Letter from The President

August 2021

Greetings Good Neighbors,

My name is Sean Novak, some call me Red. I would like to thank you for trusting me to serve another term on the Grandmont Community Association Board of Directors. Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues and friends on the Board for electing me as the President for the GCA Board of Directors. I have big shoes to fill with the departure of Charity Dean. We are thankful for her service as President and as a part of the Board. She will have her hands full leading the Metro Detroit Black Business Alliance and many other things. As for me, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community in this new capacity. I wanted to take the time out to share with you what my vision is for me in the new role.

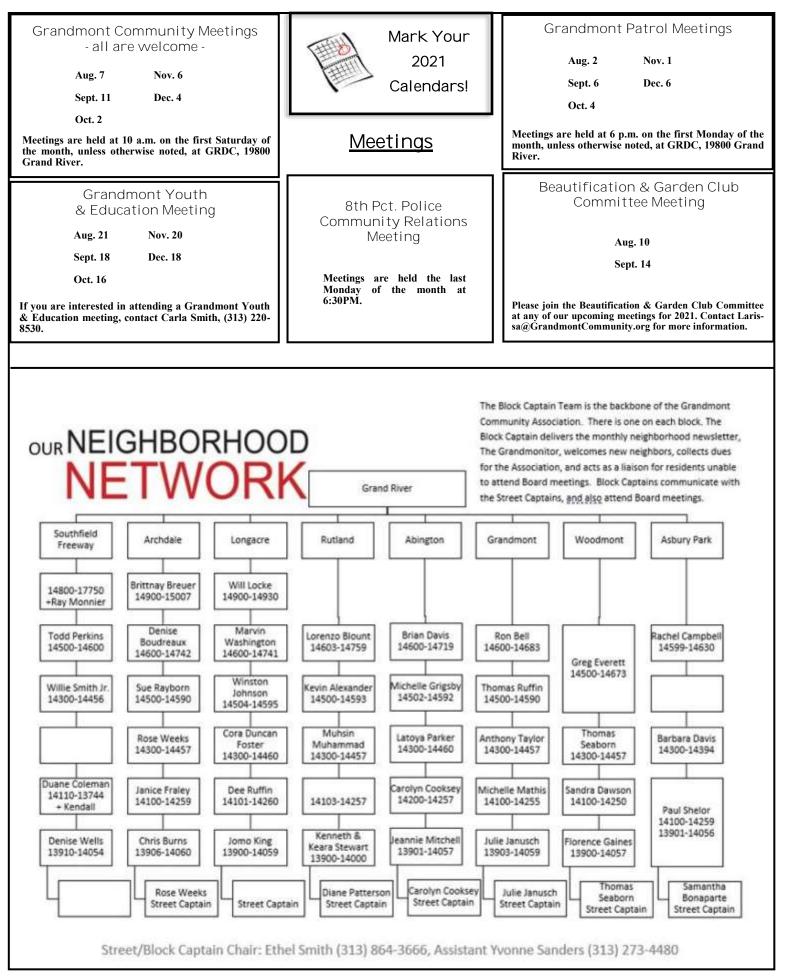
I understand myself simply as a mouthpiece for the decisions and concerns of the Board and our broader residents. I will do my best to represent our collective voice. I look forward to learning about what you all find beautiful about our community and considering ways to magnify and reinforce what is great about us. I know there is plenty for us to exalt. Equally important, I look forward to learning about the aspects of our community that you all feel need improving. I will do my best to find myself in spaces to magnify our concerns. We are in this together.

Grandmont is a strong community with many dedicated residents. Our city already has a fighting spirit, but our neighborhood is one of many that takes that Spirit of Detroit to the next level. I've heard many stories from elders about how we have experienced highs and lows through the years. It is these elders, young men and women born and raised here, along with new arrivals to Grandmont who come in to contribute to that community spirit that make us who we are. I am confident that if we will continue to find ways to connect, learn, and grow across our various differences that we can continue to show the world what Grandmont is made of.

Let's make it happen!

Sean "Red" Novak President Grandmont Community Association

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GCA BOARD MEETING

July Meeting Recap!

Councilman Tate came to speak about why there has been a delay in getting our speed humps installed on Longacre. Work slowdowns due to Covid, building materials, etc., but they should be getting installed during July.

Our board began the meeting by selecting its officers for the coming year (2021-2022) after the election at the annual meeting.

GCA Board Members

- President: Sean Novak (2021-2023)
- Vice President: Larissa Richardson (2021-2023)
- Secretary: Samantha Bonaparte (2021-2023)
- Treasurer: Robert Patterson (2020-2022)
- Joyce Tatum (2021-2023)
- Ethel Smith (2020-2022)
- Edward Smith (2020-2022)
- Cora Duncan-Foster (2020-2022)
- Krystal Thurmond (2021-2023)
- Josh Engle (2020-2022) * Appointed to fill the vacancy from Charity Dean resigning
- Diane Patterson (2021-2022) 11th Seat filled by appointment

As Social Planning Chair, Krystal Thurmond shared out gratitude for all volunteers at the Annual Meeting and shared her expenses. Her committee also houses the Sunshine Committee that sends flowers and cards for sympathy/memorials after the loss of our neighbors.

Vacant Property Task Force is hoping to obtain a vacant lot in the community on Archdale for beautification and care with help from a GRDC grant.

Beautification committee is hoping to restart the "Curb Appeal" Award for neighbors with beautiful, well manicured lawns. We have also recently refreshed the planters on the borders of our neighborhood.

Volunteers from Rippling Hope have recently performed repairs to help homeowners in Grandmont maintain their homes. These repairs have been praised and recipients are so grateful for the quality work completed.

Next meeting will be at 10am on August 7, 2021 at Ramsay Park. If weather does not permit, we will meet on Zoom.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Grandmont Community Association Needs Street and Block Captains

The Block Captain Team is the backbone of the Grandmont Community Association. The Block Captain delivers the monthly neighborhood newsletter, the Grandmonitor, welcomes new neighbors, collects dues for the Association, and acts as a liaison for residents unable to attend Board meetings. Block Captains communicate with the Street Captains and also attend Board meetings. The Street Captain assists and delivers the Grandmonitor to the Block Captain.

Volunteers do not have to live on the street where they are the Street or Block Captain. We need you! Please volunteer by phoning Ethel Smith at (313) 864-3666 or Yvonne Sanders (313) 273-4480.

MUNCHIE'S WISDOM



rom Alan Cohen's book entitled 'Are You As Happy As Your Dog', Cohen has gained a few life lessons! I decided to pull out another 'lesson' learned from him studying his dog, Munchie's attitude to see what Munchie was doing that he was missing.

Munchie's 'lesson' this time: 'CHOOSE YOUR RELA-TIONSHIPS'

When Munchie trusts someone, he is fully present with them. When he doesn't like someone, he steers clear of them. He doesn't stay with people who hurt him.

He has no concept that he has to be with anyone. He does not suffer to payoff karma from past lives. He does not wrestle with co-dependency issues.

Submitted by K. Thurmond

NOISE COMPLAINTS

he process for dealing with any "Quality of Life" issues (noise, squatters, etc.) is to contact your NPO. For constant loud parties and noise issues, ask him/her to contact or send a letter to the address of the offenders stating that they MUST stop the loud noise. If violators refuse, NPO can contact the city law department where an attorney is assigned who specializes in nuisance abatement proceedings. Once the paperwork is started, the landlord/owner must evict them or a LEIN is put on the property. Contact the 8th Precinct to find out who is the NPO in your area at 313-596-5800.

RIPPLING HOPE

Letter from a Rippling Hope Recipient

On June 7, 2021, I was honored to be a recipient of the RIP-PLING HOPE. Words cannot express how humbly grateful I am. Everyone was so friendly and kind. My son and I enjoyed the company of the YOUNG VOLUNTEERS from Kentucky.

Raised in the south, my memory flashed back to that SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY which we are known for. They worked hard without any complaints, they actually looked like they were enjoying themselves. The garage which was painted was a long overdue project. The finished product speaks for itself. Again, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely, Joyce McDaniel

RIPPLING HOPE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Rev. Carl E. Zerweck, Executive Director, Rippling Hope and Detroit Volunteers completed free home repair for nine Grandmont Community Association Residents. There are three applicants left to be serviced. They will be serviced at a later time. Rev. Carl E. Zerweck chose residents to be serviced from the application packet that I submitted in 2020.

Rippling Hope is an ecumenical non-profit neighborhood focused ministry. Their goal is to improve the physical conditions of targeted communities in Detroit by providing free minor home improvement.

Due to still limited number of volunteers, the Rippling Hope Team did their best to do some projects in our community. Just as a reminder Rippling Hope Volunteers are not only Detroiters but from other states as well. Most volunteers are out of Michigan. They pay for their own travel and registration fee. The fund helps Detroit residents that are greatly in need.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Rippling Hope has paint, dog food, and cat litter available. All are free! This program is available to all Grandmont Community Association Residents every month, all year! Make sure to tell the distributor that you are a GCA Resident. Distribution is the first Tuesday of each month from Noon-2:00pm. The second day is the first Saturday of each month from 10:00am-Noon.

Location is the Rippling Hope Mission Center, 12801 Joy, corner of Joy & Appoline Streets, Detroit, MI 48204. Phone (313) 704-1230 for questions.

> Submitted By: Cora A. Duncan-Foster Scholarship & Rippling Hope Chair

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There are numerous gualified buyers seeking to purchase a home in your neighborhood, yet listings are scarce - your home's value may benefit!

I can help you take advantage of this buyer demand by selling your home guickly and for top dollar.

your home, it is important to trust in a Real Estate Agent who cares about

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When you are ready to buy or sell. call me!

Trust the advice of a PROFESSIONAL

Grandmont-Rosedale **Community Specialist** (serving Grandmont, Grandmont 1, Rosedale Park, North Rosedale, and Minock Park)

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

FEMA ASSISTANCE

FEMA assistance is available for residents impacted by flooding. The federal government officially approved the state's request for a disaster declaration and ordered federal assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas of Wayne and Washtenaw Counties affected by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes from June 25 to June 26, 2021.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties can begin applying for assistance by registering online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., seven days a week until further notice.

Please reach out to your neighbors if you need any assistance in removing items from your home. Help is available!



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BEAUTIFICATION & GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE...

Neighborhood Curb Appeal Awards

NOMINATE A NEIGHBOR

EVERY MONTH THE COMMITTEE WILL SELECT TWO NEIGHBORS IN GRANMONT TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CURB APPEAL!

KNOW A NEIGHBOR WHO'S YARD STANDS OUT AND HELPS TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL? NOMINATE THEM TO BE RECOGNIZED! EMAIL LARISSA@GRANDMONT.ORG

Annual Membership Dues

Annual GCA Membership Dues covers many of the great services and initiatives that attracts new neighbors and businesses into our community and a reason many of us choose to remain. Our community is a "Detroit" gem and we need the participation of every resident to have it remain that way, so if you haven't already, please take a moment to pay your dues.

As a reminder, some of the services and/or initiatives covered by the dues collected include:

- \Rightarrow Snow Removal
- \Rightarrow College Scholarships
- \Rightarrow Art & Crafts Fair
- \Rightarrow Annual Business & Dinner
- \Rightarrow Community Newsletter (Online & Printed)

DID YOU KNOW?

Garbage Ordinance

You could face a steep fine for leaving your garbage container out on the street after a scheduled pickup? Your container also must be placed in the rear of your home - not in view. As a courtesy, please be a thoughtful neighbor. People don't need to - or want to see your untidy garbage. Garbage should also always be bagged and secured to help keep rodents away and spilled litter to a minimum:

ORDINANCE: Section 22-2-45. Time limits for approved containers to remain at curb side.

"Properly stored domestic solid waste shall be collected by the Department of Public Works. Owners and/or occupants of residential structures who receive curbside collection shall place approved containers on a berm area not earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection and shall remove the same not later than 9:00 p.m. on the day of collection."

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION of the above Ordinance

VIOLATION of Section 22-2-45 of this Code (above) is a **<u>BLIGHT VIOLATION</u>** and is subject to a fine:

\$200 for the first offense; \$300 for the second offense; \$500 for the third offense, & \$1,000 for the fourth or subsequent offense. In addition, "Each day on which any violation of Section 22-2-45 of this Code continues constitutes a separate offense and shall be subject to civil fines as a separate offense."

Please note: if you are a handicapped senior, and need help taking your container to the street and removing it, you can request a Special Hardship Request to DPW and the City may arrange for workers to help with this service. Restrictions apply. Asking a trusted neighbor might also be a helpful resource for you!

Grandmont Community Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (INCLUDES STREET SNOW REMOVAL, NEWSLETTER, SCHOLARSHIPS, COMMITTEES, EVENTS, LOBBYING, ETC.) NAME(S): ADDRESS: PHONE(S): EMAIL: PLEASE ADD MY EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY RESOURCES: GRANDMONT INFORMATION NETWORK GRANDMONT CRIME ALERT NUMBER OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP YEAR(S) BEING PAID: 2019 2021 2020 2022 ADDITIONAL DONATION \$ Please mail with check or money order for \$30.00 per year (\$15.00 for Southfield & Longacre Apartments) to: "GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION" OR "G.C.A." P.O. Box 27790 Detroit. MI 48227 I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FOLLOWING GCA COMMITTEES: (COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2 OF GRANDMONITOR) Arts & Craft Fair Nominations Beautification Ramsay Park By-Laws Safety Security Education & Youth Scholarship Environmental Social Planning

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Grandmont Radio Patrol	Vacant Property Task Force

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PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE WITH PAYPAL:

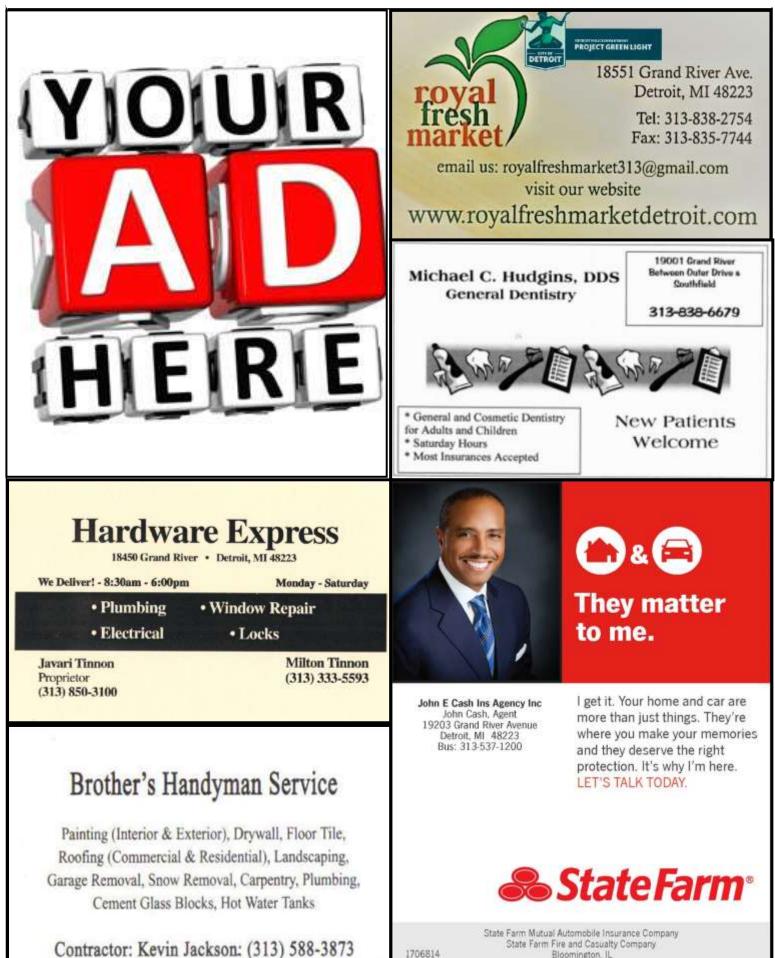
Go to https://www.grandmontcommunity.org/committees/membership.html.

Pay for current, past or future memberships using Discover, Visa, Mastercard, or American Express through PayPal. The shopping cart will open in a separate window. **Please note there is a \$2.00 convenience fee to pay online.

If you wish to pay for multiple years, please:

Dues Year Select the Year from the drop-down menu 2021_ \$30.00 USD

- 1. Click Add to Cart
- 2. Add additional information regarding the order in the text box, e.g.: someone else is paying for your membership with their PayPal account or credit card. The person paying will need to enter your name and your address in the details line.
- 3. When you have finished adding the years, click View Cart to go to the PayPal site to check out.



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