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# **GRANDMONT #1 NEWSLETTER**

# **AUTUMN 2012**

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Don't forget to exercise your right to vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>!

# **EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

**GRANDMONT #1 NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!** 

http://www.facebook.com/Grandmont1ImprovementOrganization

# **Grandmont #1 President's Message**

Welcome to the Grandmont#1 newsletter and community.

We hope that you will be a concerned citizen for and in our community by attending our monthly meetings **held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Macedonia Baptist Church on the Southfield Service Drive at 7:00 p.m. \*November meeting will be held on MONDAY, November 5**<sup>th</sup>.

**Oliver Cole, President Grandmont #1** 

# GRANDMONT #1 COMMUNITY AWARD



Grandmont #1 resident, Vincent Ford of All Seasons Landscaping, received an award from the Detroit City Council for his volunteer efforts in landscaping in Flintstone Park and other area parks in the neighborhood. \*He is also contracted with Grandmont #1 Improvement Association for snow removal. (Pictured with Carolyn Nash, Newsletter Editor; Annie Mae Holt, Vice President and Oliver Cole, President).

# GRANDMONT #1 ANNUAL PICNIC WAS HELD ON AUGUST 18<sup>™</sup> AT FLINTSTONE PARK AND FUN WAS HAD BY ALL. HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND NEXT YEAR!







**HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP ON NOV. 14** - Find out all you need to know about buying a home in the Grandmont Rosedale area at this informative workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 pm at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River. Come learn about opportunities to purchase a fully-renovated, move-in ready home from GRDC. Special mortgage financing and down-payment assistance programs are available to make home ownership achievable and affordable.

Representatives from GRDC, Grandmont Rosedale Lending Solutions, and Robinson Realty Group will be on hand to answer all of your home-buying questions. To reserve your spot, contact Tom Goddeeris at 313-387-4732, ext. 111 or tgoddeeris@grandmontrosedale.com.

**NEW PROGRAM COULD HELP SAVE YOUR HOME** - Grandmont Rosedale Lending Solutions is offering an innovative new program designed to help families facing foreclosure stay in their homes and reduce their monthly house payments. This program is modeled after a successful initiative now underway in Boston, Massachusetts that has already helped 300 families. Under this program, Southwest Housing Solutions, a local non-profit organization, could purchase your home on a "short-sale" approved by your lender and then sell the home back to you at its current market value.

To find out more about this program and whether it could help you save your home, attend an informational workshop on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 pm at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River. For more information and to reserve your place at the workshop, contact Rosemarie DiRita at 313-600-4180 or rdirita@swol.org

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING ON NOV. 29<sup>th</sup>** -, The monthly Neighborhood Safety meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 pm at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, between Glastonbury and Avon. Neighborhood Safety Meetings are open to the public. Please join your neighbors, local law enforcement officials, and guest speakers as we learn and share crime prevention strategies. Every meeting provides important information to help keep us and our neighborhoods safer! For more information, contact Karen Johnson Moore at kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com or 313-387-4732, ext. 110.

**JOIN THE CRIME ALERT!** Want to know what's going on around you? Join the GRDC Crime Alert system and you'll get email messages to update you.

The GRDC Community Security Program's staff monitors and sends out email crime alerts as reported by community residents about recent suspicious or criminal incidents or activities. Our goal is to provide timely information to residents and when possible and appropriate, to offer crime prevention strategies and reminders that may help keep us safer in the future.

To join the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system, send an e-mail request to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com. Please share this invitation and e-mail address with other neighbors and friends who also live in the Grandmont Rosedale area.

**NOTE**: This alert system is designed to help increase our awareness for our own personal safety and/or to show possible trends and to help increase the arrest and prosecution rate of criminals. This alert system is <u>not</u> to be used for community announcements about programs or activities, but only for reporting suspicious or criminal activity or crime prevention tips. We also ask that people not "reply" to any given incident via the system, but instead to direct comments to info@grandmontrosedale.com or call and leave a message at 313-387-4732, ext. 100.

**VACANT HOUSE and SQUATTER ALERT** – Do you have any vacant houses on your block? Do you suspect squatters may be occupying a vacant house on your block? If so, please give GRDC Vacant Property Intern Braden Latham-Jones a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 117, and report the addresses and as much other information posted or available to him (or <u>send</u> an email to blathamjones@grandmontrosedale.com).

## <u>NOTE</u>: IN GRANDMONT #1, CONTACT HAROLD HARRIS (313)272-9165 TO REPORT VACANT PROPERTY ON YOUR BLOCK.

It takes a LOT of people to keep track of and take care of all of the vacant houses in our neighborhood. Please do all that you can to maintain the yards of the vacant houses on your block – pick up trash and flyers, and do what you can to make the house look occupied. If you are already taking care of vacant houses in your community, THANK YOU and thanks for being a good neighbor!

**GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST!** – GRDC sends out a regular weekly electronic newsletter, to let everybody know what's going on in our neighborhood. Don't miss out on the latest! If you want to know what's happening, send us your e-mail address. We'll add you to our electronic mailing list and send you information of interest to the neighborhood. Send an e-mail to tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to the list.



To Grandmont #1 resident, Carol Hanson, for serving as the newsletter writer for over 10 years! This is her last issue ③ .

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#### **GRANDMONT #1 IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Includes plowing snow off residential & side streets, mowing of vacant lots & properties, which include Flintstone Park @ Rosemont/Acacia, quarterly newsletter, annual Grandmont #1 Community Picnic)

> (\$50 per household/apartment or business) \*Annual year begins in August\*

NAME(S): _	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE(s):	
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#### MEMBERSHIP YEAR(S) BEING PAID:

2013 Annual Dues	\$50.00
Donations accepted (not tax deductible)	

\$

Total Enclosed

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I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FOLLOWING GRANDMONT #1 COMMITTEE(S):

- \_\_\_\_\_ BYLAWS
- \_\_\_\_\_ GRANDMONT #1 INFORMER NEWSLETTER

\_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP(CALL RESIDENTS & REMIND OF MEETING)

- \_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATIONS (OFFICERS)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PATROL (SAFETY/SECURITY)

\_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL PLANNING (PICNIC, ETC).

\_\_\_\_\_ (STREET & BLOCK CAPTAINS)

\_\_\_\_\_ VACANT HOUSE/PROPERTY TASK FORCE

\_\_\_\_ WELCOME COMMITTEE

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ASSOCIATION MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> TUESDAY of the month (NOTE: November meeting is held on the Monday prior to Election Day) Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

> ELECTION DAY – Nov 6<sup>th</sup> VETERAN'S DAY – Nov 12<sup>th</sup> THANKSGIVING – Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> CHRISTMAS – Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

2012 BULK PICKUP SCHEDULE 11/9/12 (Friday)