

# All That's GRAND

December 2023  
Vol. 3



Happy December Everyone! It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year. Thank you to all who participated in Fall Fest and Christmas at the Commons. These events just do not exist without massive participation; I continue to be humbled by how much support you all give. I mean seriously, who spends hours and hundreds of dollars creating scarecrows and floats. Crazier still, who volunteers to stand out in the cold for hours to spread Christmas cheer. You do, and that is why I love working and living in this town! Thank you!!!

My prayer for you this holiday season is peace and joy for your families and your businesses. And as we enter the darker, slower days of January may you find time for the deep rest that seems to elude us other times of the year. So glad I get to journey with all of you.

*- Theresa*



The 2023 Scarecrow Competition did NOT disappoint. In...

5th Place - Zach's Barbershop  
4th Place - Prairieside Suites B&B  
3rd Place - GHS Bands  
2nd Place - MI Moonshine

And the 2023 Scarecrow winner is...

CHANGING THYMES!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in **CHRISTMAS at the COMMONS!** You seriously get double points for joining any event that occurs in temps lower than 50 degrees. Enjoy a few highlight pics below...



# THINK DOWNTOWN GRANDVILLE



# LET IT SNOW!

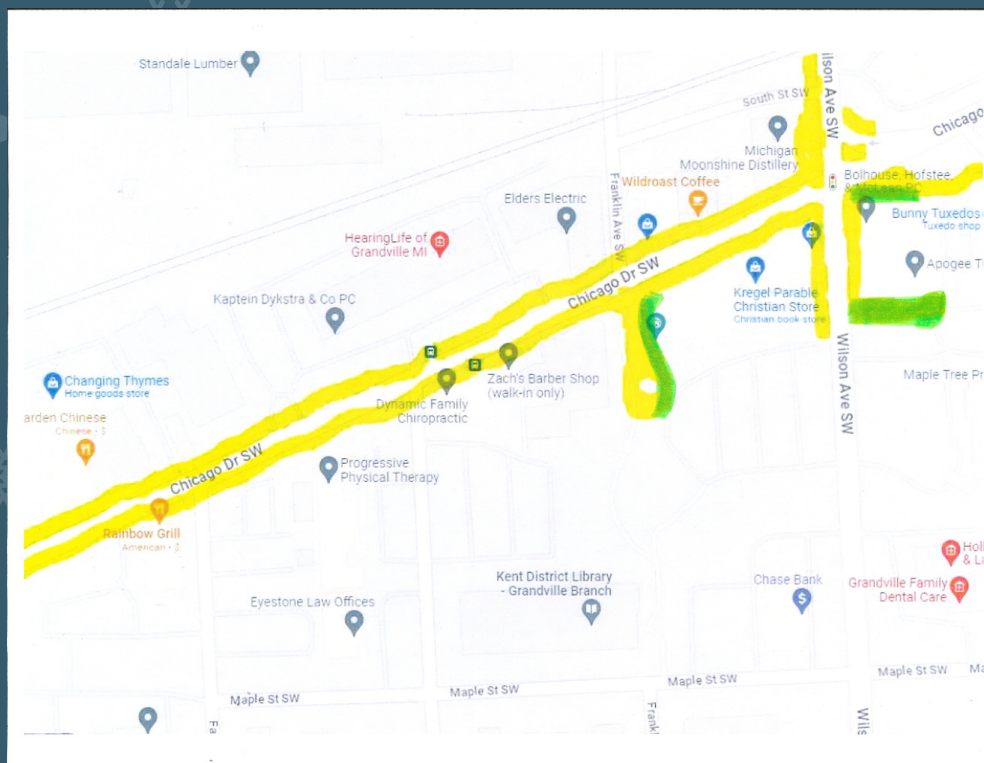
**I am well aware that many of you would prefer to never see this white magic, but we live in Michigan, so let's talk reality; snow is coming!!!!**

To help us all understand what property the DDA snow blowing covers and what sidewalks and entryways are personal responsibility, I am including a map below. The DDA pays for all areas highlighted in yellow to be plowed with every snowfall. Individual business owners pay for any areas highlighted in green. Any sidewalks or entryways not highlighted are the responsibility of the business owners.

If you would like to pay Greenline to plow your space as well, you may reach out to Karla @ 616.896.0248.

If an area highlighted in yellow is not being plowed, please reach out to Theresa @ 616.795.1984.

Please Note: Sometimes the city trucks come through after the sidewalks have been plowed. This does cause the walkways to fill with snow again. If you are shoveling your space and see snow in a cross walk, please consider removing it.





# HOLIDAY DEALS AND STEALS

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## HEADS UP...

Michigan's Open & Obvious Doctrine has been abolished.

What does this mean to you?



In the past, if a hazard on your property was open and obvious, you would have had no need to warn the plaintiff because it was assumed the plaintiff should be able to notice and avoid it.

On July 28, 2023, however, the MI Supreme Court abolished this doctrine, stating that if a hazard is open and obvious the landowner should notice it, anticipate any potential danger and take actions to remove/repair said danger.

### What Can You Do to Protect Yourself?

1. Be pro-active in identifying potential hazards. Notify customers of them and repair/remedy them as quickly as possible.
2. Keep maintenance logs of snow/ice removal as well as dates/times of any salting you do.
3. Should an incident occur, complete a detailed report including pictures of the area.

# PLANNING AHEAD!

2024

## DDA EVENTS

**APRIL 26**

Friday: 5 - 8 PM

### ART & CHOCOLATE WALK

The DDA displays art from Grandville schools in downtown venues alongside chocolate & beverage samples. Musical performances, interactive art stations & artistic expression throughout the evening.

**JUNE 7,14,21,28**

Fridays: 6 - 9 PM

### SUMMER MUSIC, FOOD & FUN SERIES

The DDA connects with the Grandville-Jenison Chamber to bring bands, food trucks and inflatables to the downtown.

**AUGUST 16,17**

Friday: 4 - 9 PM

Saturday: 10 - 3 PM

### VINTAGE FEST

The city closes Chicago Dr and we party on the street. Live bands, food trucks, vendors, a classic car show, the WWII plane fly-by, a kid zone, the corn hole tournament & more.

**OCTOBER 4,5**

Friday: 5 - 10 PM

Saturday: 11 - 4 PM

### FALL FEST

The DDA connects with the Grandville-Jenison Chamber again to bring bands, food trucks, an adult beverage garden & endless fall activities to our town. The traditional scarecrow contest lines the light poles along Chicago Dr.

**DECEMBER 7**

Saturday: 5 - 8 PM

### CHRISTMAS at the COMMONS

The DDA joins with City Council and the GHS Marching Band for a rousing tree lighting followed by the stationary parade, reindeer, train rides, a synthetic ice rink, hot cocoa stands & more.



The DDA and KDL are working together to bring a Musical Exploration Garden to the green space in our downtown. We are actively seeking donors who might like to partner with us. For more information on becoming a sponsor, contact Theresa meenderingt@cityofgrandville.com or 616.795.1984.

Downtown Grandville's

# Musical Exploration Garden



## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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| ◦ Hummingbird Hollow Sponsor | \$10,000 |
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| ◦ Butterfly Bungalow Sponsor | \$1,000  |

*Play is the work of  
childhood.*

-Jean Piaget

For additional Information contact - [meenderingt@cityofgrandville.com](mailto:meenderingt@cityofgrandville.com)



## Business Feature

# Changing THYMES

VINTAGE-HANDMADE-  
UPCYCLE-ANTIQUE

### Welcome to Changing Thymes

We have been servicing antique buffs, home decorators, and connoisseurs of the cute, the rusty, and the unique since 2010. There is not an easy way to describe our store and we do not specialize in just one area. If you want antiques, we have them. If you want farmhouse decor, we have it. If you want boutique clothing, we have it. Whatever you may be looking for, Mid-century, candles, vintage, handmade, thrifty finds, high end designs, or a one of kind piece, you will most likely be able to find it within one of our two shops and over 200 vendors. Or, if you can't find what you're looking for, come to one of our vendor led classes where you can make your own unique piece!

We invite you to come find a hidden treasure, or maybe discover a favorite vendor, but we doubt you will be able to choose just one!

Attend one of our Public Workshops where you will be provided with all the tools, materials, and instruction to make a special piece all your own! Our workshops offer a range of projects & designs and are offered at various days and times throughout the week.



# *Did you know?*

The Farmers' Market Pavilion is now available to rent.

Winter rentals are not likely, but I mention it now for open house and spring party planning.



## Brick & Mortar

### Space for Sale or Lease?

If you know that you will have space for sale or lease anytime in the next 3 months to 3 years, please connect with me. We have businesses wanting to move into the downtown. If they are a fit, I'd love to connect them with you.



**Know anyone wanting to open...**

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with Theresa  
616.795.1984



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*To be a city with an emerging urban vibrancy  
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