

**Grandville Avenue, S.W.**

**2 Grandville S.W.** Fulton Steam Plant of the Kent County Department of Public Works' District Heating and Cooling Operations (DHCO), operated by Ogden Martin Systems of



Kent, Inc. (OMSK). This brick structure was rededicated in December, 1998. On May 1, 1888, the Grand Rapids Edison Light and Fuel Company began operating on the site. It was one of 23 plants designed by the Edison Light Company, and its three steam-powered engines were belted to direct current generators. The plant powered the city's streetcars and street lights, and helped support the rapid growth of the furniture industry. Consumers Power Company acquired the operation in 1915. Consumers rebuilt the plant in two sections, a boiler room and a turbine room, in 1923, and called it the Ellsworth Avenue Station. Consumers' trademark character, Reddy Kilowatt, adorned the outside of the building for many years. In the mid-1960's,

four coal-fired boilers were retired and three gas/oil-fired boilers were installed in their place. New steam mains were constructed to serve the new buildings in the Calder Plaza area, as well as Butterworth Hospital. A fourth boiler was installed in 1970. Kent County bought the plant from Consumers in 1986, and the next year ground was broken for the Waste-To-Energy (WTE) facility at Market & Freeman S.W. Commercial operations began there on February 1, 1990, and an underground steam main links the WTE to the Fulton Steam Plant. The WTE, built by OMSK, gives the system additional steam capacity to serve the downtown area. (Source: *Grand Rapids Business Journal*, December 14, 1998, p. 2. Drawing: Grand Rapids Fire Department Centennial Book, 1950, p. 36.)

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08/18/82

7150

Riverside

Two buildings.

32 Grandville S.W. Built in 1906, this 5-story brick building was once used to warehouse groceries that came into Grand Rapids by rail, and which were then sent to small stores around the state. Travel Consultants purchased the building in 1996 from the Alexander Stafford Corp., an industrial supply company. New dedication stones on the building indicate that it was originally the Rademacher Dooge building, built c. 1895. Since the closing of Grandville Avenue from Fulton to Weston, the building has been readdressed as 32 Market S.W.

32

01/16/96

8607

1-story shed on north side of building.

41-43            3-story brick commercial building, s.w. corner of Weston.

49                1926  
2-story frame storage building.

51                1926  
2-story frame dwelling.

53                07/22/92            8284                Pitsch

56                11/26/88            7835

**72 Grandville S.W.** Annheuser-Busch Brewing Co. / Burge Chemical Products. Built in 1904 to replace a wooden structure on the same site, this 2-story red brick icehouse



looks more like a walled fortress with ramparts than a warehouse. It is believed that the architectural firm of Widmann & Walsh of St. Louis, MO, designed the building, which bears a number of unique features that can be traced to the Annheuser-Busch home office in St. Louis. Most notable are the terra cotta company logos, complete with eagles, on the west and south cornices. Burge Chemical bought the

building in 1966. (Photo: Michael Buck, in *Grand Rapids Magazine*, August, 2006, p. 28.)

77 Grandville S.W. Capstone bears initials 'C.H.," with the date of 1932.

101 *Brick freight terminal.*

120 *2-story frame commercial.*

121 1927  
2-story frame dwelling.

124 *Swift & Co. Partial photo in GRPL, 125-1625-B.*

134 1926  
2-story frame dwelling.

134 08/17/2000 9012 Pitsch

138 1926  
2-story frame dwelling.

201            01/10/92        8215            Riverside  
                 Also 204 Oakes S.W.

207            *2-story flat.*

226            1937  
                 2-story brick store.

235 Grandville S.W. Moch International LLC planned to build The Presidio, a 3-story building with 171 apartments, with parking both underneath the structure and alongside it on a surface lot. The project was slated to have a total of 223 parking spaces, and was expected to cost \$25 million. (*GRBJ*, May 30, 2006, pp. 11 and B7.)

241	1927		
		2-story frame dwelling.	
246	1927		
		2-story frame dwelling.	
246	09/15/2003	9248	H & M
		Permit denied.	
247	1937		
		2-story frame dwelling.	
247-49	1936		
		2-story frame dwelling.	
248	1926		
		2-story frame store.	

**249 Grandville S.W.** This 2-story frame dwelling was removed in 1937, and a truck terminal was eventually built on the site. Note the foundation (247) which remains on the north, and the stately brick dwelling (253) on the south. (Photo: GRPL, Pitsch/Capitol collection, Series 16.)



250	1927		
		2-story frame dwelling.	
252	09/15/2003	9249	H & M
		Permit denied.	
253	1938		
		2-story brick dwelling.	
254	1930		
		2-story frame dwelling.	

300 Grandville S.W. Ellis Bros. Built 1927.

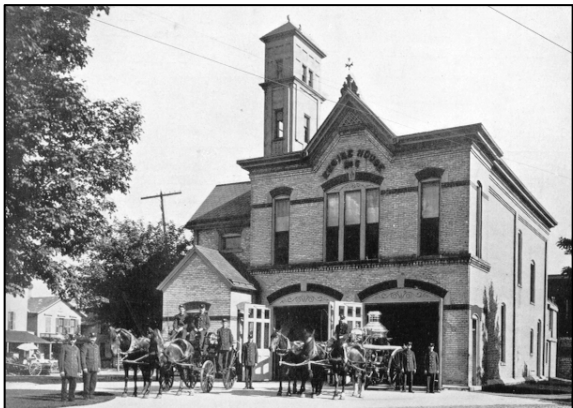
301 Grandville S.W. George and Adele Skaff came to Grand Rapids from Charleston, WV, and opened a restaurant in an old building on the southwest corner of Grandville and Bartlett on April 11, 1940. A thriving business enabled them to expand, and their new 1-story brick Terminal Restaurant (so named because it was across Bartlett Street from the Interstate freight terminal) opened on Monday, February 23, 1942. The building had a frontage of 44' on Grandville Avenue and a depth of 50'. A glass block front provided plenty of natural light to the interior, which featured terrazzo floors and fluorescent lighting throughout. When it opened, the restaurant offered 24-hour service. (G.R. *Herald*, February 22, 1942. Photos in GRPL 125-H015416 and H17151.)

303            1936  
2-story frame store building.

307            02/08/80        5885            Boerema  
No water cutoff.

309            02/08/80        5886            Boerema  
*Partial photo with 307 in GRPL, Real Estate collection.*

**312 Grandville S.W.** Engine House No. 6 was designed by local architect William G. Robinson and built in 1877. The original building was a simple rectangle, and had a



tower on the northwest corner. It did not include the office area and tower at left, which were later additions. The engine company was established in 1879 and decommissioned on July 8, 1976. The station reopened for a few months in 1989 as quarters for Squad 1 when Engine House No. 1 was being renovated. (Photo: *Grand Rapids Fire Department, History, 1844-1899*, p. 61.)

321-27 1939  
2-story frame store.

334	09/24/64	1837	Staggs
336	09/24/64	1838	Staggs
340	09/24/64	1839	Staggs
342	<i>Replaced in 1954.</i>		
343	12/03/65	2064	Aalsburg
350	12/22/64	1872	Staggs
352	12/22/64	1871	Staggs
360	<i>2-story brick veneer store.</i>		
363	<i>Gas station.</i>		

400	08/26/66	2240	Jesse Fields
405	10/14/68	2858	Cooke
410	08/26/66	2241	Jesse Fields
410-12	11/06/64	1859	Capitol
411-r	02/23/68	2638	Cooke
	Rear of building. No utility cutoff.		
413			
415			
416	04/01/63	1552	Cooke & Sons
417	12/08/64	1864	Capitol
418	12/21/62	1499	Capitol
419			
421	01/16/62	794	H.R. Kelly
427	12/08/64	1865	Capitol
431	07/25/68	2788	Cooke



443                    1930  
2-story frame dwelling.

**446 Grandville S.W.** This 7-story brick industrial building was built about 1906 as an addition to the Sligh Furniture Co. plant on Century Avenue, stretching west along nearly



the entire north side of Logan Street to Grandville Avenue. When Robert Israels located his “Other Store” here in the 1980’s, it was given a separate address on Grandville. A \$30 million plan by developer Jonathan Rooks to turn it into a 400-unit apartment complex stalled in December, 2006. (Photo: *GRP*, Wednesday, December 20, 2006, p. B1. This view is of the north and west elevations.)

447                    06/12/2001    9097                    Pitsch

449                    1930  
2-story frame dwelling.  
06/12/2001    9095                    Pitsch

451                    1930  
2-story frame dwelling. Replaced by 1-story brick office.  
06/12/2001    9096                    Pitsch

455                    1930  
1-story frame dwelling.

503	03/10/97	8709	Cordes Trucking Vacant commercial building, formerly Grand Rapids Dowel.
507	09/10/65 06/30/87	2018 7638	H.R. Kelly To reuse sewer line.
511	11/11/71	4045	Pitsch
513	11/11/71	4046	Pitsch
521	07/18/95	8512	Pitsch
525	11/02/81	7089	Pitsch
526	1930		2-story frame dwelling.
558			<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>
560			<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>
564			<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>
566			<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>
568	07/27/62	1270	Egbert VanDyke <i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>
570	Grandville S.W. 2-story brick commercial building. Built 1911.		
577-79	01/20/81 04/10/81	6075 6089	Neighborhood Development--Kentwood Kentwood Excavating
581	09/29/83	7229	Courtade

600	08/23/82	7159	Pitsch
	One cutoff.		
602	Grandville S.W. Badly damaged in fire caused by defective wiring, Thursday, June 3, 1965. Owner, Cornelius Clunder estate. Occupant, Clay Hanston and others. \$5,400 loss.		
602	09/09/68	2827	Safeway Wreckers
606	10/03/72	4286	Cannon
607	05/20/82	7131	Neighborhood Improvement
615-17	12/24/64	1875	Capitol
	<i>Double house. Sewer plug in basement.</i>		
618	05/08/68	2698	C.I. & I.S. -- Pitsch
618½	02/08/66	2112	E. DeVries & Sons
621	12/02/74	4684	Urban Renewal--3 in 1
622	05/08/68	2699	C.I. & I.S. -- Pitsch
622½	05/21/68	2700	C.I. & I.S. -- Safeway Wreckers
625	11/06/74	4657	Urban Renewal--Pitsch
629	05/04/73	4407	Pitsch

641	04/04/68	2674	Capitol
644	10/25/99	8935	Pitsch
645	11/10/88	7834	
647-49	05/13/71	3857	<i>Big Chief</i>
			<i>2-story frame stores.</i>
651	12/30/70	3721	Housing--Pitsch
652	12/10/81	7083	Neighborhood Improvement--Kentwood
652½	12/20/68	2912	Urban Renewal
	01/27/69	2957	Cooke
661	12/11/2002	9206	Pitsch
			Heavily damaged by fire, Monday, November 4, 2002. Demolition permit temporarily denied. Approved January 17, 2003.
663	01/25/71	3777	Dohm
664	08/10/87	7660	
666	10/31/72	4035	Hodgens
668	03/10/80	5903	Pitsch

701	1935		
	1-story frame building.		
703	12/08/93	8375	Pitsch
705-07	04/03/87	7602	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch
709	12/02/76	5182	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch
	No water cutoff.		
710-12	1934		
	3-story brick building.		
716	12/03/71	4052	Hodgens
717	04/19/77	5259	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch
720	12/03/71	4053	Hodgens
722	12/03/71	4051	Hodgens
726	07/11/89	7928	Courtade
730	05/21/87	7629	
733	08/25/80	5937	Neighborhood Improvement--Courtad
734	09/23/74	4636	Urban Renewal--Pitsch
736	06/15/87	7637	
738	Grandville S.W. Badly damaged in fire caused by defective appliance, Saturday, June 19, 1965. Albert Sabatta, owner and occupant. \$5,000 loss.		
738	01/25/66	2105	Diamond Salvage
	05/26/82	7099	Lloyd
744-50	11/18/83	7238	Neighborhood Improvement--Courtade
745-r	05/01/67	2412	E. DeVries
751-53	07/09/71	3917	Capitol

819	09/29/97	8755	Fenstermacher
831	02/10/77	5207	Neighborhood Improvement--Cross
841	02/10/77	5208	Neighborhood Improvement-- Loader & Dump
853-57	11/15/68	2889	Safeway Wreckers
869	06/21/65	1951	Staggs
	<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>		
875	08/22/67	2483	D & J Enterprises
	<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>		
877	09/28/67	2520	Donald R. Wiseman
878-80 Grandville S.W. Rumsey Block. Built 1909. Being refurbished in 2001 after standing vacant for nearly 30 years.			
883	<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>		
887	<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>		

900	12/05/77	5376	Pitsch
902-04	02/17/78	5377	Pitsch
903	08/28/79	5801	Pitsch
<i>917 Grandville S.W. A fire started by juveniles on Sunday, February 23, 1964 at 7:54 p.m. caused \$3,600 damage to this 2-story frame 2-family dwelling. Anna Timmer, owner. Leo DeVries, occupant.</i>			
917	04/16/64	1767	Robert C. Groothuis
925	10/07/68	2854	Staggs
926	<i>Parking lot.</i>		
930	<i>2-story frame restaurant.</i>		
932	<i>2-story frame store.</i>		
<i>933 Grandville S.W. Burned in November, 1990.</i>			
933	12/05/90	8109	Courtade
934	03/18/65	1897	Ken Overholt
935	10/31/74	4694	Urban Renewal
	Voided. Rehabilitated.		
947	11/12/82	7175	Pitsch

Local artist José Narezo painted the Cesar Chávez mural at Grandville and Beacon in 1993, as well as other murals around the community (GRP 04/24/2003 A6).

1000-02	01/07/86	7426	Kaufman, home owner--Courtade
1003-05	02/26/65	1894	Staggs <i>1003 was a 1½-story flat attached to 1005, a 1-story frame store.</i>
1006	03/31/71	3830	Big Chief
1010	09/18/79	5817	Neighborhood Improvement
1013-15	04/03/96	8620	Pitsch Rear duplex.
1015	08/18/67	2476	E. DeVries & Sons, Inc.
1017			<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>
1031	12/16/71	4069	G. VanLoozenoord
1034	01/07/87	7586	Courtade
1038	12/05/77	5453	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch
1048	10/03/85	7433	Courtade No cutoff.
1057	02/27/85	7343	Neighborhood Improvement--Courtade
1061	02/10/77	5217	Jerome Zdroj
1063	07/07/90	8056	
1071	09/25/69	3157	Pitsch
1075	05/13/81	7023	Neighborhood Improvement
	05/24/99	8890	Pitsch
1079	10/18/76	5156	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch



1100-06	01/02/2001	9051	Pitsch (fire damage)
1103	02/17/78 No cutoff.	5481	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch
1107	08/17/77	5362	Neighborhood Improvement--Cross
1111	12/09/71 Dug up front yard. Could not find sewer line.	4073	Ruth
1113	01/12/72 Could not find sewer line. Could be hooked up to 1111.	4074	Cooke
1119	10/19/70	3612	Urban Renewal--Pitsch
1123	<i>1-story brick store attached to 1125.</i>		
1125	03/19/79 Store and dwelling.	5672	Neighborhood Improvement--Cross
1127	08/21/91 Wood frame commercial.	8177	Pitsch
1144	07/19/79	5789	Pitsch
1146	<i>1-story frame plumbing shop.</i>		
1148-52	08/29/62 Sewer connected next door. 1148 was a 2-story frame store.	1363	Jack Harkness
1153	07/19/66 To rebuild. 2-story frame store attached to 1155, another store.	2214	Jack Harkness
1154	08/16/67 To rebuild.	2473	Jack Harkness
1156	Cement block service station.		
1157	05/16/62 Sewer line to be used.	1126	Jack W. Harkness
	01/23/70	3367	Jack Harkness

1205 Grandville S.W. Cesar E. Chavez School. Elementary school built in 2009. Capacity: 450. 2009-10 enrollment: 379. This building replaced Hall School, built in 1956, which had the address of 702 Shamrock S.W.

1208            03/26/68        2660            Capitol  
Third house at rear of lot.

1209 Grandville S.W. Old Hall School. Photo in GRPL, Robinson/Capitol collection.

1210-12        01/17/92        8217            Riverside  
Fire damage. Second house at rear of lot.

1214-16        06/01/93        8338            Pitsch

1221            *2-story frame dwelling.*

1225            *2-story frame dwelling.*

1229            *2-story frame dwelling.*

1235            *2-story frame dwelling.*

1267 Grandville S.W. Fire at 2:04 a.m. on Sunday, July 27, 2003, resulted in \$80,000 damage to this 2-story frame dwelling.

1267            09/15/2003     9255            Melching  
Permit denied.

1269            07/08/94        8420            Pitsch

1326            07/05/89        7926

1328            ???

1344-48        ???

1350 Grandville S.W. Naylor Building. Fire at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2001, caused \$50,000 to this building, which was being remodeled into a grocery store. It is located on the northeast corner of Grandville & Naylor.

1356-58        04/03/72        4141            Dohm  
South part of building.

1363 Grandville S.W. Hekman Building. This 3-story brick commercial structure has a similar later addition built onto its south end.

1400-02	03/22/73	4326	Cannon
1417	04/20/83	7202	Courtade
1430	09/24/79	5821	Richard Crocker
1436	02/28/72 Plug in basement.	4128	Cannon
1440	02/28/72 Plug in basement.	4129	Cannon
1443	???		
1519	???		
1523	03/29/63 To reuse sewer line.	1549	Pitsch