



# THE PARK VOICE

## NEWSLETTER

Minock Park Block Association (MPBA)

P.O. Box 23404 -Detroit, MI 48223

Hotline Number 313-237-7222



**BULK TRASH PICK-UP**

**November 1st, 2012**

### MONTHLY MPB ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES:

#### SEPTEMBER 17th

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“We Need Unity in the Community”

**What:** MPA block club meetings

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Where:** GRDC- 19800 Grand River. Please mark your calendars for the 3rd Monday of the month to attend MPA meetings .

#### OCTOBER 15th

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#### What you missed at the last MPBA meeting.

Office Williams attended our meeting to provide information regarding the portable basketball hoops. He stated that there is zero tolerance for portable basketball hoops left in the street. If discovered, the basketball hoop will be taken and not returned.

#### Minock Park Block Association Officers

President. . . . . Vicki Holmes  
Vice-President. . . . . Louis Martin  
Treasurer. . . . . Jean Dixon  
Recording Secretary. . . . . Kenneth Wolfe  
Corresponding Secretary. . . . . Jarrell Holmes

#### Minock Park Resident Roster

Please send your email address to [vickiholmes@att.net](mailto:vickiholmes@att.net). Include your name, address and telephone number (optional).

#### Calendar of Events

**Thursdays until October 11th-** Northwest Detroit

Farmers Market 4-8 p.m. Bushnell Congregational Church.

**September 15-** North Rosedale Park Civic Association

Home and Garden Tour. 4-8 p.m. ( If you would like to volunteer email [robertreddittl@att.net](mailto:robertreddittl@att.net) or call Kenneth Wolfe at (313) 255-5776.

**September 17-** MPBA meeting. Forming Nominating Committee for Officers. Voting for Officers in November.

**September 20-** Neighborhood Safety Meetings. 6 p.m. at Community Center.

**October 6 -** Chili Cookout for Grandmont/Rosedale, North Rosedale Community House. @1 p.m. (See article on page 6).

**Tai Chi Classes-** Mondays @10 a.m. and Thursdays @ 7:30p.m. at the Community House 18445 Scarsdale.

*Thanks to the families for paying the MPBA dues!*

*MINOCK PARK BLOCK ASSOCIATION DUES may be mailed or dropped off to Jean Dixon, Treasurer 15825 Plainview*

*Dues are from January to December each year.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ / / Enclosed is \$20.00

Email your name, street address and email address to [vickiholmes@att.net](mailto:vickiholmes@att.net) to receive MPBA newsletters and updates via email.

# MPA COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION & CRIME REPORT

*Please call the MPA hotline*

**313-237-7222** to report any crimes that have occurred in our neighborhood.

Aug.15th between 10:30 -11:30 p.m.-

Two Houses on Auburn between Midland and Fenkell was "egged".

### Notice

Ordinance 50-1-12. - Playing games in streets, etc., prohibited. No person shall play any game of nine (9) or ten (10) pins, ball, wicket or other games in any street, alley or other public space.

### Rodent and West Nile Virus Alert

Mosquitoes breed in anything with standing stagnant water (swimming pools, birdbaths, pet dishes, old tires, plant container etc). To protect your family, dispose of any standing water in your yard.

Also, to keep rodents away-dispose of any food outdoors in pet dishes, clean up daily pet feces, and keep grass and bushes cut low.

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Paid Advertisement. Please contact MPBA if you wish to place an ad.

**AVON- sell or buy**

*Become a representative-contact*

**Damita Barnes**

Unit Leader-Representative

(313) 768-8902

[Damita816@aol.com](mailto:Damita816@aol.com)

[youravon.com/damitabarnes](http://youravon.com/damitabarnes)



**Northwest Detroit  
FARMERS'  
MARKET**

ORGANIZED BY GRANDMONT ROSEDALE  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



**DOUBLE UP  
FOOD BUCKS**

**Every Thursday, 4-8 PM  
June 7– Oct. 11, 2012**

**Bushnell Congregational Church  
South Parking Lot**

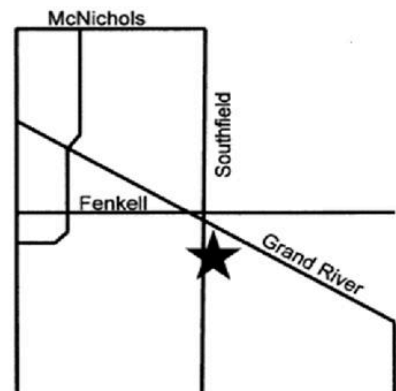
**15000 Southfield Service Drive  
At the Grand River/Fenkell Exit**

## Fresh, Local Food!

Join us for our seventh season of good food and fellowship! Every Thursday from June 7 through October 11th, you can buy fresh, locally grown produce, right here in our neighborhood.

Bushnell Congregational Church hosts our market in their SOUTH parking lot. Our vendors offer fresh Michigan fruits and vegetables, baked goods, local honey, coffee, teas, spices, granola, dips, and more!

Come shop at the market! Get delicious, nutritious food and have fun, too!



**For more info and to volunteer,  
call Pam Weinstein, 313-387-4732, ext. 103.**



# VOLUNTEERS of Minock Park

## Putting Words into Action

*We want to thank all of the volunteers who make an effort to keep Minock Park clean and beautiful. Here are a few of them. (If you know of someone who volunteers their time for Minock Park, send a picture with a brief description ).*



***Split Rail Project on Fenkell and Plainview.*** Thanks to the volunteers that came out on a ***HOT*** Saturday to install the split rail fence.



Anthony Cheatham and Kierre Walton volunteered to help keep our flower island looking good! Thanks to Candace Moses for watering the flowers.

***WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR NEIGHBORS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO MOW LAWNs AND CLEAN UP LOTS!***

B.J. MOSELEY ( Minock), DOUG VANKAMPEN, (Auburn), IRIS BLOODSAW( Minock), DIANE WATKINS ( Plainview), AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN VOLUNTEERS.

### **SAFE GRANT FUNDS AND EARLY ACTION FUNDS ARE DEPLETED**

We have made a lot of progress in Minock Park with the mowing of lawns at vacant properties and the boarding up of houses. Unfortunately, we no longer have any SAFE grant funds as they were to be used by June, 2012, and the early action funds ended August 17th. We used every penny made available to us. Therefore, we are asking neighbors to pitch in and mow lawns of vacant properties, and pick up litter and advertisements left on porches. We appreciate all of your efforts and ask that you call the hotline and inform if you have donated your time in keeping Minock Park well maintained.



After installing the split rail fence, the volunteers cleaned up the fallen tree on Plainview.



## **NOMINATE NEIGHBORHOOD VACANT PROPERTY VOLUNTEERS!**

Do you clean up vacant properties in your neighborhood? Or maybe you know someone who mows a vacant property on your block? Someone like Rosedale Park Block Captain Anthony Bunkley, pictured here, who routinely takes care of the lawn of this burned out house on Faust.



GRDC will honor all vacant property volunteers at a community-wide “Vacant Property Volunteer Recognition Ceremony” in October. But we need your help to make sure we recognize ALL the deserving volunteers who often give of their time and money, quietly, without anybody noticing or telling them to do so.

We want to include the names of all vacant property volunteers in our event program, and send them invitations to attend the event. If you, or someone you know, volunteers to help minimize the impact of abandoned and vacant properties in our community by mowing overgrown lawns, clearing debris, painting over graffiti, removing piled up handbills, etc., we want to know about it! Please send us your name or the names of neighbors you know are

contributing to these efforts to maintain our community standards. Report volunteer names and contact information to Becki Kenderes at 313.387.4732, ext. 117, or by e-mail at [bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com). DEADLINE is September 28, 2012.

## **RITE AID KIDS’ DAY ON SEPT. 13 AT NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS’ MARKET !**

This year’s edition of the annual RITE AID Kids’ Day at the Northwest Detroit Farmers’ Market promises to be the best one yet! There will be bouncers on the church lawn and face painting – free farmers’ market t-shirts to the first 100 kids - and free bike helmets to the first 100 kids, courtesy of AAA Michigan – should be a great day!

To cap it all off, Chef Antonio will be on hand to do a cooking demonstration of healthy recipes specially geared to kids – learn to prepare fruits and vegetables in ways that will appeal to your youngsters!



**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETINGS RESUME SEPT. 20** - After a brief summer break, our regular monthly Neighborhood Safety meetings resume on Thursday, September 20 at 6 PM and will continue thereafter every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, between Glastonbury and Avon.

At the Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will hear an update on the 90-day Community Policing Pilot Program announced at the May Neighborhood Safety Meeting, which included participation by the Manhattan Institute, in cooperation with the Detroit Police Department (DPD), Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), and the GRDC Community Security Program.

The 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. Each meeting provides important information to help keep us and our neighborhoods safer! For more information, call 313-387-4732, ext. 109.

**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 Becki Kenderes a call at 313-387-4732, ext. 117, and report the addresses and as much other information posted or available to her (or send an email to [info@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com)).

**NOTE:** In Rosedale Park, contact Stacy Pugh (313-574-8889) to report suspected squatters and contact Debbie Kent (313-836-4737) to report vacant property. If the house or suspected squatters are in North Rosedale Park, contact Clarendia Webb (313-330-7844). If the house or suspected squatters are in Grandmont, contact Diane Patterson (313-836-3736).

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](mailto:tmccrory@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.

## Tai Chi Classes

The North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) is proud to announce that Alice Swanger, will teach Tai Chi at the Community House at 18445 Scarsdale:

- **Mondays at 10am**
- **Thursday evenings at 7:30pm.**

Come join us for a beautiful, harmonious and gentle way to exercise.

Alice Swanger is a Certified Instructor through the International Yang Family Tai Chi Chuan Association led by 5th Generation Master Yang Jun. She has been practicing Tai Chi for more than 20 years under her teacher Han Hoong Wang who is the Secretary of the International Association; a disciple of 4th Generation Grandmaster Yang Zhenduo, and the Director of the Michigan Tai Chi Center. Alice has taught locally for 10 years and continues her practice by studying with both Grandmaster Yang Zhenduo and Master Yang Jun in China.





*Come  
out and support  
Minock Park's  
representative, Kenneth  
Wolfe.*

## Chilin' with the Chili Cook-Off

By Liz Grunow, Tattler

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Calling all cooks! The second annual NRP Chili Cook-off has been scheduled for Saturday, October 6th, and already the competition is heating up! With a grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to our very own Metro Foodland grocery store, the proverbial wooden spoon has been thrown down in many circles around the Park. Who will win out when it comes down to neighbor versus neighbor? Fire fighters versus police officers? West of Outer Drive versus east of Outer Drive? We could go on and on. We must dust off our recipes, haul out those crock-pots, and get to chilin'! Your friends and neighbors are all welcome to come out and have a taste, but the final decision will be handed down by a panel of judges specifically picked for their chili-tasting prowess.

So, here are the finer points: To enter the NRP Chili Cook-off, call or email Gloria Adebayo (313.534.3624,adebayogy@yahoo.com) , or Sarah Jones (248.914.3543,swarrenjones@att.net) to register. Registration costs only \$5. You need only provide your chili and a vessel to serve it from (preferably a crock-pot). All paper goods will be provided. Each chef is asked to make at least 5 quarts of chili, and must be able to make available a basic list of ingredients for allergy sufferers. A grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Metro Foodland, as well as to first and second runners-up will be awarded.

If your talents lie more in the eating of chili than in the preparing of chili, no worries! We need all our friends and neighbors to come out and crown this year's Chili Supreme Champion! Chili will be served at the Community House on **Saturday, October 6th starting at 1:00 p.m.** Tasters get to try three tasting cups of chili for the low, low, recession-adjusted price of ONE DOLLAR. Come help vote your soccer coach/next door neighbor/best friend's great-grandmother to victory and taste some of the best chili in the city at the same time.

For more information, and to see just who you need to be worried about throwing their chili beans in the race, visit our website ([www.northrosedalecookoff.webs.com](http://www.northrosedalecookoff.webs.com)) or come see us on Facebook (North Rosedale Chili Cook Off).

Come out and help make this a great new fall tradition in the Park!

If you're looking to get involved in the neighborhood, volunteers are still needed! We are looking for help with set-up, registration, and clean-up. Please call Gloria or Sarah if you can lend a hand!

## Chili Cook-Off Registration Form

If you're ready to show everyone that your chili is the best, you can register at any time: go to our website, our Facebook page, call Gloria or Sarah, or just fill out this handy form!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$5—please include your payment with your registration. If paying by check,

please make it out to North Rosedale Park Civic Association.

Drop all registrations in the mailbox at the North Rosedale Park Community House • 18845 Scarsdale.

