

THE PARK VOICE NEWSLETTER

MINOCK PARK BLOCK ASSOCIATION (MPBA)

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Volunteers Wanted for Trash Talkin' Initiative

Coffee, community, and clean-up. That was the thinking behind Trash Talkin' when Grandmont Rosedale residents saw a need to get others involved in picking up trash in Minock Park and the larger Grandmont Rosedale community. While it may seem strange to try to make picking up litter fun, the idea worked. Last year, Trash Talkin' met four times, collected 53 bags of trash, and went a long way toward building community among the volunteers. This year's Trash Talkin' season will continue on the 4th Saturday of each month through September. Volunteers meet at 9:30am at Always Brewing Detroit (19180 Grand River). Volunteers

begin at the coffee shop because this is where the coffee and community piece of this project begins. The coffee is free and the community is guaranteed. After a morning coffee, volunteers can grab some gloves, litter grabbers



Trash Talkin' Volunteers

and trash bags (all provided by the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation), and then continue their talkin' as they pick up trash. Join us on August 23 and September 27! For more information or to RSVP

please contact Mary Lyons at mlyons@grandmontrosedale.com or at 313.387.4732 x116.

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FREE ART SHOW DISPLAYS TALENT FROM LOCAL YOUTH

On Saturday, Aug. 16 from 4-6 pm (at the N. Rosedale Community House 18445 Scarsdale), 24 local youth are hosting a free art show—displaying the culmination of their work in a summer-long creative

LOYAL TO YOUR SOIL
CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM

arts program. Art exhibits will include “found art,” ceramics, painting, poetry

recitals and more. Refreshments and dessert will be provided. Select pieces will be available for sale. To RSVP call

Jessica at 313.387.4732, ext. 119.

MPBA MEETINGS

Every third Monday, 7 pm at the GRDC offices (19800 Grand River Ave)

NEXT MEETING:

NONE in Aug.
Sept. 15, 2014

RESIDENT DILEGENCE LEADS TO SQUATTER REMOVAL

For several years, a good homeowner/neighbor, next door to another Minock Park homeowner, had to give up ownership of the home during the real estate foreclosure crisis in Detroit; and the house sat empty for more than 3 years until March, 2014. The neighbor then observed a young man in his 30s prepping the house, cleaning the snow, and changing the locks. When the neighbor asked, "Can I help you?" The young man replied that he had bought the house. The neighbor contacted the homeowner and was told that he didn't sell the house and that it had gone into foreclosure. The next time the so called "new owner" was at the house moving items in, the neighbor said to him that the block club would like to see a copy of the deed or paperwork. Curiously, he had a copy of a deed in his jacket pocket. He willingly showed it. The neighbor made copies and forwarded to the homeowner, who said that it was not his signature on the Quit Claim Deed. After the Vacant Properties Tax Force conducted an investigation with the Wayne County Register of Deeds, it was discovered that this same young man allegedly had several bogus "Quit Claim Deeds" in the Grandmont-Rosedale neighborhoods "squatting" in them or illegally renting out properties he didn't own for profit.

At a special meeting to address this problem, Officer Fabio Buscemi of DPD's Sixth/Eighth Precinct gathered information, data, descriptions of people, vehicles, license numbers, dates and times of activity at the house -

- which he commented "looked like a detailed professional detective's report." After building their case, Officer Buscemi and his fellow officers conducted a raid at the house and subsequently arrested the squatter who was at another location and told the squatter's girlfriend she had to vacate premises.

Neighbors of Minock Park and Rosedale Park showed up in 36th District Court to give a strong message to the squatter and the judge that "we are here to show that we care about our neighborhood." The squatter posted bail and brazenly returned to the house. Thereafter, Officer Buscemi returned and told the squatter that this "was

not his house" and to take his belongings and leave immediately! He also told the squatter that he will be by every day until he leaves. The squatter did leave with truckloads of his and his girlfriend's belongings.

The squatter is presently being prosecuted for fraud and other alleged real estate felonies and awaiting a court trial date. Kudos to our caring neighbors and ESPECIALLY caring and concerned Officer Fabio Buscemi and his fellow Sixth-Eighth Precinct police officers who help to guard and keep our city safe.

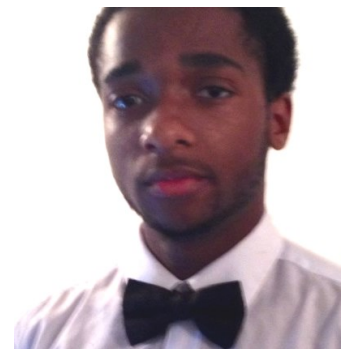
CELEBRATING THE YOUTH IN MINOCK PARK

Minock Park resident Anthony Cheatham, 16, is a "thinking" young man, a young man who pays quiet attention and then, seemingly effortlessly, figures stuff out. At 9 years old, Anthony learned how to change the brakes on a car. Anthony is so mechanically included that family, neighbors and friends regularly ask Anthony to help them switch out hard

drives, and update software on their computers. Anthony has learned all of this on his own: "I've learned by doing, by working with the computers and figuring it out." Improvisation is also part of Anthony's repertoire. "I can fix radios, mini-bikes, lawn mowers, anything with an engine. If a part isn't working or is broken, I improvise. I haven't been stumped

yet."

Not surprisingly, Anthony would like to study architecture, the perfect combination of his interests in art and engineering. For now though, Anthony is focusing on a new interest in music and is figuring out both the guitar and his new electronic piano, a gift from his mom. We say keep it up, Anthony!



Anthony Cheatham, Age 16, Minock Park resident

Trash Schedule in Minock Park

"Bulk collection (up to one cubic yard) will be provided by Rizzo Environmental Services and Advanced Disposal every other week. Bulk items must be placed on the curb in front of your home

away from your refuse container, yard waste, or recycling by 7 a.m. on the day of your scheduled bulk collection." Regular trash pick-up occurs every Monday (with the

exception of holidays) and recycling pick-up occurs on the 1st and third Mondays.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- AUG 7 —NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET 4-8 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- AUG 14 —NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET 4-8 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- AUG 16 —YOUTH ART SHOW 4-6 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- AUG 21 —NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET 4-8 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- AUG 23—TRASH TALKIN' 9:30 AM @ ALWAYS BREWING (19180 GRAND RIVER)
- AUG 28 —NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET 4-8 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- SEPT 4 —NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET 4-8 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- SEPT 11 —NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET 4-8 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- SEPT 15—MINOCK PARK BLOCK ASSOCIATION MEETING, 7 PM @ GRDC (19800 GRAND RIVER)
- SEPT 18 —NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET 4-8 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- SEPT 25 —NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET 4-8 PM @ THE COMMUNITY HOUSE (18445 SCARSDALE)
- SEPT 27—TRASH TALKIN' 9:30 AM @ ALWAYS BREWING (19180 GRAND RIVER)

MINOCK PARK BLOCK ASSOCIATION | ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please return this form with your cash, check or money order (for \$20) to: Minock Park Block Association (Attn: Treasurer Jean Dixon) at 15825 Plainview.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

BE A VOLUNTEER | CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- Clean-ups
- Planting flowers
- Watering flowers
- Membership
- Youth
- Vacant property
- Community engagement
- Other: _____



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Minock Park residents can use this space to buy, sell, list rentals, post lost & found items or missing pets and more.

Contact Becki Kenderes to submit your request at 313.387.4732 x 101.



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Business Card—\$25

Quarter Page—\$50

Half Page—\$75

Full Page—\$100

Flyer insert—\$15

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GRDC HONORS MINOCK PARK AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Vicki Holmes, MPBA President, accepts an honorary plaque from GRDC's executive director, Tom Goddeeris, on behalf of the Minock Park neighborhood.

Over 400 people from Grandmont, Grandmont #1, Minock Park, Rosedale Park and North Rosedale Park gathered at Ramsey Park to celebrate 25 years of GRDC's hard work in the community on July 12, 2014. It was a well-deserved break from 25 years of building a community organization from an all-volunteer, one employee organization that renovated one home in its first year, to a several hundred volunteer, nine-employee organization

that will most likely renovate its hundredth house this year. Such an accomplishment demands a big party, and once again, GRDC volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and community members all rallied to make the day fabulous. Minock Park was honored with a commemorating plaque for being one of GRDC's long-standing partners. The plaque will be installed at a newly planted tree in the vacant lot at Plainview & Fenkell.