



THE PARK VOICE

NEWSLETTER

Minock Park Block Association (MPBA)

P.O. Box-231071 Detroit, MI 48223

Hotline Number 313-237-7222



BULK TRASH PICK-UP

MAY 6, 2013

Aug. 6, Nov.1

MONTHLY MPBA MEETING DATES:

MARCH 18, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

APRIL 15, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

"We Need Unity in the Community"

What: MPBA block club meetings

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

Where: GRDC- 19800 Grand River

Dates: Please mark your calendars for the **3rd Monday** of the month to attend MPA meetings. We need to have meetings with strong participation from each and every resident on E. Evergreen, Plainview, Auburn, Minock and W. Outer Drive. *At the March 18th meeting, Sal Hanson from "Greening of Detroit" will attend to discuss the planting of trees in Minock Park which will take place March 23.*

Introducing MyGrandmontRosedale.org!

Ever wish that there was one website you could visit to find out what is happening throughout the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods? Well, now there is.

MyGrandmontRosedale.org is your new information gateway to the Grandmont Rosedale communities.

My GrandmontRosedale.org is sponsored by all five of the Grandmont Rosedale area neighborhood associations, as well as the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation.

The idea for a web site that includes comprehensive information and listings for all of Grandmont Rosedale came out of last year's neighborhood-wide Visioning event. Thanks to the hard work of several neighborhood residents and GRDC staff, as well as support from Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation, that idea has now come to fruition as MyGrandmontRosedale.org.

CHECK OUT THE NEW SITE

Take a test drive on MyGrandmontRosedale.org and you'll find positive stories about the people and places in the community, information about local businesses and neighborhood amenities, as well as profiles of elected neighborhood officers, contact information for all community organizations, and a comprehensive calendar of upcoming events and activities in the Grandmont Rosedale community. We've also included a resource page with important contact information and helpful tips on a variety of topics.

EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE

The best part about MyGrandmontRosedale.org? Neighborhood residents can all contribute to the site's content by sharing stories, photos, and notices of upcoming events. Just follow the instructions you'll find on the site to submit items electronically.

So, take a look around. Explore the business directory, find a task force to join, learn about the cool things your neighbors have been up to, investigate the calendar listings to find out what's going on in the neighborhood. Then let us know about the cool things you've been doing by submitting your comments, photos, and stories.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS: (313)

Northwest Police Dept. 935-5600
Animal Control 224-6356
Broken Water Main 267-7401
Building Property Maintenance . . 628-2451
Street Lights Out. 224-4636



We need your email address to save paper and for you to receive updates sooner.

***Please* email your name, street address and email address to vickiholmes@att.net.**

MPA COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

●BUY ● SELL ● RENTALS ● LOST AND FOUND PETS, ETC. CALL **MPA HOTLINE 313-237-7222**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION &

CRIME REPORT

BE ON THE LOOK OUT

**"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING!"**

Report CRIME ANONYMOUSLY to
Police:

CALL: CRIMESTOPPERS

1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-773-2587)

ONLINE: www.1800speakup.org

TEXT: "TIP411" (847411)

ALL TEXT TIPS MUST BEGIN WITH
THE LETTERS DPD TO REACH
DETROIT POLICE

*GREENING OF DETROIT will
plant 171 trees in Minock Park on March 23rd.
Sal Hanson from Greening of Detroit will
attend our next Minock Park Block Association
Meeting on March 18th at 7:00 p.m. to address
and questions.*



Minock Park Block Association
Executive Board 2013

President: Vicki Holmes

Vice-President: Kenneth Wolfe

Treasurer: Jean Dixon

Recording Secretary: Sabrena Dixon

Corresponding Secretary: Jarrell Holmes

Grandland Shopping Center Press Release

We are pleased to announce that the Grandland Shopping Center is in the hands of new ownership with new management. The new owners have purchased the shopping center to own and operate long term and are in the process of repairing, cleaning and updating the shopping center. Which is a process that will include:

- Getting off duty, undercover Detroit policemen as protection
- Repair and add additional shopping center lighting
- Keeping the building and the parking lot clean

In Spring you can watch for new:

- Power washing
- Painting
- Parking lot repairs
- Asphalt speed bumps

Once we get the shopping center brought up to clean 1st class standards we are looking to introduce special programs, such as bringing gourmet food trucks into the parking lots on Saturdays. Our objective is to create an overall safe, clean situation for the greater residents of Rosedale Park, when they shop at Grandland Shopping Center.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 9 from 9 AM – 12 PM -
Rosedale Little League Sign-Up @ GRDC

March 11-15-Bring your returnable cans and bottles to GRDC to raise funds for the anti litter campaign.

Sunday, March 17- "Dream Girls" at 2:00 p.m. at North Rosedale Comm. House. fundraiser for Vacant Property Task Force.

Monday, March 18- MPBA Meeting-
7p.m. @ GRDC

Saturday, March 23-Detroit Partnership Day, volunteer to participate in the clean-ups in the neighborhood.

March 28 at 6:00 p.m. - Neighborhood Safety Meeting at North Rosedale Comm. House.

Saturday, March 30- Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 a.m. @ North Rosedale Comm. House. Bring your returnable cans and bottles.

Monday, April 15-MPBA Meeting-
7 p.m. at GRDC, 19500 Grand River

MINOCK PARK BLOCK ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

This past year, in particular, we used the funds to maintain and or improve the physical presentation of Minock Park. This includes the boarding of vacant houses, beautifying the island, repairing and cleaning green space lots, as well as addressing numerous areas of need as determined by association members.

Please complete and give to your block captain _____
or the block captain coordinator Kathy James @15336 Minock Ave, Jean Dixon, Treasurer 15825 Plainview or email the information to vickiholmes@att.net.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ CELL: _____

OTHER NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

DATE MOVED TO MINOCK PARK _____

NOTES/COMMENTS:

/ / I have enclosed \$20.00 for my annual membership dues. (May be given to the block captain, block coordinator or the treasurer-Jean Dixon, 15825 Plainview.).

“LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE” ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN

In an effort to reduce litter and illegal dumping in the community, the Grandmont Rosedale Beautification Task Force is launching a **“Love Where You Live”** (LWYL) campaign. Modeled on a successful anti-littering campaign in England, LWYL aims to inspire, encourage, and enable us to make where we live, work, and play the kind of place we want it to be.

LWYL is based on five key principles:

- (1) Encourage personal responsibility and positive action,
- (2) Work in partnership with neighbors to reduce litter,
- (3) Take responsibility for keeping your own immediate area clean,
- (4) Raise awareness and education about the prevention of littering,
- (5) Make it easy for people not to drop litter.

The Beautification Task Force plans an ongoing series of activities and opportunities that will allow everyone in the Grandmont Rosedale community to get involved. It's simple – it's easy – a clean environment makes us all feel great – love where you live!

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN ON MARCH 23

To launch their campaign, the Beautification Task Force invites you to join them on Saturday, March 23 in a massive, volunteer-driven first annual “Grand River Clean Sweep.” Neighbors and businesses will unite to sweep, weed, scrub, pick up trash, and just generally make the whole street clean. To sign up to volunteer, call Sustainable Communities Program Manager Becki Kenderes at 313-387-4732, ext. 101 or email bkenderes@grandmontrosedale.com. Volunteers will meet at the GRDC building at 9:30 AM to receive maps and instructions.

SIGN THE PLEDGE

Can't make it on March 23? No problem! You can still join the campaign. You can sign a pledge card, and in exchange for your promise to keep Grandmont Rosedale clean, you will receive a LWYL window decal or litter bag for your vehicle (while supplies last). Pledge cards available at the GRDC office (19800 Grand River, starting March 23.

DONATE YOUR RETURNABLES TO THE CAUSE

To raise funds for the LWYL campaign, the Beautification Task Force will be accepting your returnable bottles at GRDC during the second week of March (3/11 – 3/15). Bring your clean bottles and cans, bagged in black plastic bags, to the GRDC building during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Be on the lookout for future LWYL events and activities. In the coming months, task force members will be collecting “pledge cards” (promises from residents and business owners to help keep the community clean) and organizing routine clean-ups. To find out more information, contact GRDC Sustainable Communities Program Manager Becki Kenderes at 313-387-4732, ext. 101, or visit www.facebook.com/GrandmontRosedaleLWYL.



GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HOMES FOR SALE IN GRANDMONT

ROSEDALE – If you or anyone you know are looking to buy a home in the Grandmont Rosedale area, then be sure to visit our web site,

www.GrandmontRosedale.com, to see the renovated homes that are available from GRDC. GRDC homes are all move-in ready, with many updated features. Down payment assistance is also available to help buyers reduce their out-of-pocket costs and to make home buying more affordable.

In 2013, GRDC will be receiving a grant from the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). This grant will enable us to buy and renovate nine more vacant area homes. Eight of the nine homes are being purchased through a cooperative arrangement with the Detroit Land Bank Authority. These long-vacant homes were foreclosed for non-payment of taxes, and will be renovated and ready to purchase this spring and summer. For more information, contact GRDC at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, or belong@grandmontrosedale.com.



DREAMGIRLS BENEFIT FOR VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE – Purchase a ticket for a matinee performance of *Dreamgirls* by the Park Players and you'll not only get to see a great show, you'll also be helping to keep your community safe! Proceeds from the Sunday, March 17th matinee performance support the Grandmont Rosedale Vacant Property Task Force, a group of dedicated resident volunteers working to address problems associated with abandoned homes in the community. Doors open at 1 PM, show starts at 2 PM, light refreshments provided. Tickets are \$25. To purchase your tickets and reserve your seats, contact GRDC's Vacant Property Hotline at 313.387.4732, ext. 117.

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 not 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..

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 info@grandmontrosedale.com and ask to be added to the list.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING - The monthly neighborhood safety meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28 at 6 PM at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. **Federal Judge, Victoria A. Roberts** is this month's speaker; her talk will include information about the importance of serving on a Federal jury and will provide other insights into the structure of the court systems and the types of cases presented in each jurisdiction.

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 Community Security Assistant Elizabeth Wroughton at 313-387-4732, ext. 109, or ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOW-INCOME CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND BUSINESSES – If you are a low-income resident of the Grandmont Rosedale area and have skills and experience in home renovation and construction, GRDC would like to help connect you with contractors working on federally-funded home repair and renovation projects in our area.

GRDC utilizes federal funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to renovate vacant houses and to provide home repair grants and loans to low-income homeowners in the Grandmont Rosedale area. Under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, wherever HUD financial assistance is given for housing or community development, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunities must be given to low- and very low-income residents and businesses located in that area.

To qualify under Section 3, construction businesses must be owned by low- or very low-income residents, employ low- or very low-income residents in full-time positions, or subcontract with businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons. GRDC will work together with local residents and contractors participating in our federally funded programs to share information about employment and/or training opportunities for residents who qualify under Section 3. Contact GRDC Administrative Assistant Wilsie Calhoun at 313-387-4732, ext. 100, or email info@grandmontrosedale.com for more information.

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. And 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 not 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..