



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

Aug. 6, Nov. 1

Recycle - 1st and 3rd Mondays

Yard Waste-2nd and 4th Mondays

Call **313. 224 3901** to report if your trash or yard waste is **not** picked up on the designated Monday.



MONTHLY MPBA MEETING DATES:

September 16, 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					

What: MPBA 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 MPBA meetings. **(No meetings in July, August or December)**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, June 24- Police Community Relations Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. , Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Service Drive. Arthur Edge from the Building and Safety Department will be the guest speaker.
- Thursday, June 27th at 6:00 p.m. - Neighborhood Safety Meeting at North Rosedale Comm. House.
- Thursday, June 6 at 4:00-8:00 p.m.- Farmer's Market opened for the season through October. Bushnell Cong. Church
- Saturday, July 13 at 9:00 a.m.- "Trash Talkin'" Meet at *Just a Bit Eclectic*, 19015 McNichols. Participate in the anti-litter project, have a cup of coffee or tea, meet your neighbors, and pick up litter for one hour in the community.
- Educational Workshops:
 - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at GRDC office, 19800 Grand River
 - 1. July 9 Save Energy and Stay Cool Workshop
 - 2. July 23 Renewable Energy Workshop
 - 3. August 6 Basic Home Energy Savings Workshop
 - 4. August 20: Intermediate Home Energy Savings
- Monday, September 16 -MPBA Meeting-**
7 p.m. at GRDC, 19800 Grand River- Everyone Welcome!
- Monday, September 30- Police Community Relations Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. , Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000



GREENING OF DETROIT

With the help of many volunteers, Greening of Detroit planted 118 trees in Minock Park. It helps not only curb appeal, property values but the environment. It is important to water the tree weekly with **15 gallons of water**. If a tree is planted on a vacant property, it would be helpful if the neighbor near the property would water the tree. We would like to thank all the volunteers for planting the trees.



History

In December 1989, Elizabeth Gordon Sachs mobilized key Detroit residents, business people and industry professionals to support an effort to reforest the city of Detroit. Once known as "The City of Trees" because of its lush tree tunnels along residential streets, the city's tree canopy has suffered greatly:

- Between 1950 and 1980, around 500,000 trees were lost in Detroit to Dutch elm disease, urban expansion and attrition. During that same time period, economic constraints prohibited the city of Detroit from replacing those trees. With no routine maintenance to support it, our urban forest began a decline that has not yet been halted. In 1989, Detroit, a typical American city, was losing an average of four trees for every one planted.
- Today, The Greening of Detroit is a well-established, nonprofit resource agency that partners with federal, state and local agencies, corporations and foundations to assist neighborhood groups, in their efforts to improve the ecosystem in Detroit through tree planting projects, environmental education, urban agriculture, open space reclamation, vacant land management, and workforce development programs.



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

Report code violations to our Minock Park hotline 313. 237-7222.

- Drug activity is on the increase in Minock Park. Please be aware of suspicious cars and pick up trucks, parked on your street. A **red Dodge pick up truck** (white male in his fifties) has been involved in drug dealing in Minock Park.
- Rose bushes were stolen from the Flower bed on GR and Plainview. Thanks to the generous donation from Ken and Geraldine Grunow, we were able to replace them.

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

Committees

- Beautification- Vicki Holmes
- CB Patrol-Kathy James
- Code Violations- Rosie Abraham
- Crime Prevention- Margaret Oldfield
- Community Engagement- Jarrell Holmes
- Hotline- Margaret Oldfield
- NBD- Bj Moseley
- Newsletter- Vicki Holmes

Block Captains

Kathryn James,
Coordinator,
Minock Ave- Fenkell to
Midland



BJ Mosely- Minock Ave. GR to Midland

Louis Martin- Auburn Ave.

Jean Dixon- Plainview- (GR to Pilgrim)
Block Captain Needed for Plainview Ave.
(Pilgrim to Fenkell)

Walter Knoll- Evergreen

More Block Captains Needed!

Jarrell
Holmes &
Brittany
Holmes
Replacing
the rose
bushes at
the GR &
Plainview
flower bed.



Minock Park Volunteers

We would like to thank the following Minock Park volunteers for planting trees, mowing vacant properties, planting or watering flowers/trees or picking up litter.



Maurice Smith-Davis
Floyd Dixon
Martha Dixon
Sabrena Dixon
Sister Sylvia Grey
Nedra Hogan
Brittany Holmes
Jarrell Holmes
Candace Moses

Vicki Holmes
Louis Martin
Courtney Overton
Marcellus Thomas
Diane Watkins
Kenneth Wolfe
Lanisha Wright
Napoleon Robertson

If you mow a vacant property in Minock Park, water a community flower bed, or participate in a clean up project, please email your name, date, address of property and number of hours of volunteering to vickiholmes@att.net.

*We **need a volunteer** to glue the 6 solar lights to the bricks at the flower bed at Grand River and Plainview. If you are interested, please call the hotline at 313. 237-7222 or email vickiholmes@att.net.*



We would like to thank all the volunteers who cleaned up the lot at Plainview and Grand River.

Abbreviations:
 BSEED – Building, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department
 DTE – DTE Energy
 DPW – Department of Public Works
 DWSD – Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
 DPD – Detroit Police Department

CODE VIOLATIONS

Animals

Rat harborage (Environmental Enforcement).....	313.876.0974
Rodent Infestation (Environmental Affairs).....	313.876.0994
Removal of dead animals (DPW).....	313.876.0004
Removal of stray animals (Animal Control).....	313.224.6356

Building/Property Violations

Building code violations (BSEED).....	313.628.2451
In need of demolition assessment (BSEED).....	313.224.3215
Open to trespass/in need of boarding (BSEED).....	313.224.3215

Electricity

Energy theft (DTE).....	1.800.441.6698
Down wire (DTE).....	1.800.477.4747

Historic Preservation (Rosedale Park only)

Violations of historic preservation codes (Historic Commission).....	313.224.8907 or 313.224.6543
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Illegal Dumping & Solid Waste

In progress (911 or 6 th /8 th Precinct).....	911 or 313.596.5600
After it has occurred on a street or private property (Environmental Affairs).....	313.876.0974
After it has occurred in a park (Recreation Dept.).....	313.224.1100

Lawn/Yard/Curb Violations

High weeds and grass (Environmental Affairs).....	313.876.0974
Snow and ice removal (Street Maintenance).....	313.224.0033
Improper placement of trash (curb) containers (DPW).....	313.224.3901
Illegal basketball hoops in street (DPD Community Relations).....	313.596.5617

Ombudsman

Untimely response from a City Department (Ombudsman).....	313.224.6000
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Street Lights, Signs & Signals

Broken street lights (Public Lighting Dept.).....	313.267.8140
Down traffic signs/signals (Traffic Engineering Division).....	313.224.1610
Down wires/leaning poles (Public Lighting Dept.).....	313.224.0500
To request new or additional street lights (Public Lighting Dept. Engineering Division).....	313.267.7232

Stripping & Other Property Crimes

In progress (911 or 6 th /8 th Precinct).....	911 or 313.596.5600
After it has occurred (Non-Emergency Crime Report).....	313.267.4600
Copper theft (DTE Security Department).....	313.235.9119

Vehicles & Illegal Parking

Abandoned on street (6 th /8 th Precinct).....	313.596.5600
Inoperable on lawn or driveway (6 th /8 th Precinct).....	313.596.5600
Illegal parking (Parking Enforcement).....	313.221.2579

Water

Broken water mains (DWSD).....	313.267.7401
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- Please call **313. 224 3901** to report if your trash or yard waste was **not** picked up on the scheduled day.
- **YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE MINOCK PARK HOTLINE 237-7222 TO REPORT VIOLATIONS.**

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.

If you are not paying yours dues at this time, please submit form to receive emails and/or provide information for our membership roster.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ CELL: _____

OTHER NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____@_____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____@_____

DATE MOVED TO MINOCK PARK _____

NOTES/COMMENTS:

/ / I have enclosed \$20.00 for my annual membership dues. (Send to the treasurer-Jean Dixon, 15825 Plainview).

/ / I would like to volunteer: / / clean-ups / / planting flowers / / watering flowers
/ / join a committee _____(Beautification, CB Patrol, Community Engagement,
Newsletter, NBD, Neighborhood Safety, Trash Talkin'(Anti Litter), Vacant Property, Youth
Involvement)

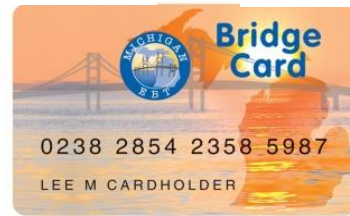
/ / I am unable to pay my dues at this time.

We have many Minock Park residents that have not provided their email address or information for the membership roster. Please complete the form, and to help our records, make a copy of this form and give to a neighbor to complete.



Northwest Detroit **FARMERS' MARKET**

ORGANIZED BY GRANDMONT ROSEDALE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



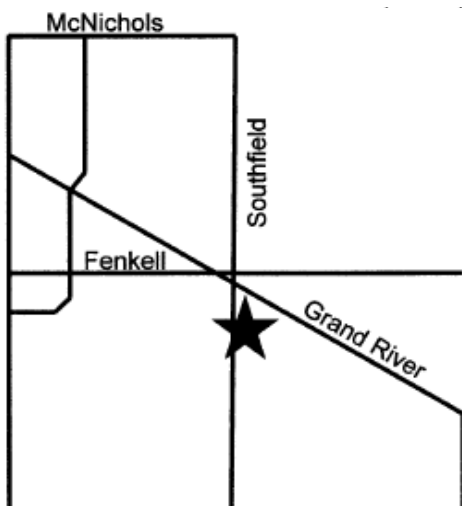
**DOUBLE UP
FOOD BUCKS**

Fresh, Local Food!

Join us for our 8th season of good food and fellowship! Every Thursday from June 6 through October 10, 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, teas, spices, granola, dips, and more!

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



**Every Thursday, 4-8 PM
June 6 – Oct. 10, 2013**

**Bushnell Congregational Church
South Parking Lot**

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

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

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RENOVATED HOMES AVAILABLE SOON - GRDC is ready to begin renovations on nine vacant homes in the Grandmont Rosedale community. These homes will be transformed from neighborhood eyesores into neighborhood assets, with funding provided by the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). In addition to getting a beautifully renovated home, homebuyers will also receive down payment assistance and free homebuyer counseling to insure that they get off on the right foot. To qualify to purchase a home under this program, homebuyers must meet the following requirements:

- Have an annual household income at or below 120% of the area median income (see chart below)
- Be pre-approved for a mortgage with a reputable mortgage lender
- Complete 8 hours of pre-purchase homebuyer counseling
- Make a down payment equal to no less than 1% of the purchase price from your own funds.

For additional information or to view a listing of homes to be renovated, visit the GRDC web site at www.grandmontrosedale.com.

NSP Program Income Limits

Household Size	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Maximum Income	\$54,120	\$61,920	\$69,600	\$77,280	\$83,520	\$89,760	\$95,880	\$102,120



NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET SERVES UP FRESH FOOD ON THURSDAYS

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market, now in its eighth season of good food and fellowship, serves up fresh, locally grown and locally produced food every Thursday from 4-8 PM. The market offers delicious food, including plenty of locally grown produce, meats, baked goods, Michigan honey, and homemade soups, as well as gourmet peanut butter and flowers for your yard and garden. The market is located in the south parking lot of Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Service Drive, just south of Grand River.

New this year is an opportunity for non-profits to apply for a free booth at the market (once per season per organization). If your non-profit is located in or active in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods,



GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

send an email to Pam Weinstein at pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com, to indicate your interest. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103.

TAKING ACTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY - This summer the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) and WARM Training Center are teaming up to launch an innovative new program to encourage Grandmont Rosedale residents and business owners to go green.

This initiative will combine hands-on educational workshops with a unique on-line tool that individuals can use to chart changes in their own lives. The program is designed to make taking action to improve the environment easier and more rewarding – even fun!

Program Details

The program kicked off with three meetings in June. Here's the listing of July meetings, all of which are on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at the GRDC office, 19800 Grand River:

- **July 9: Save Energy and Stay Cool Workshop** -- This workshop shows you how to keep your home cool and comfortable this summer, while reducing your overall energy use.
- **July 23: Renewable Energy** -- Incorporating renewable energy sources like wind, solar or geothermal in your home may be more achievable than you think. This workshop explains how.
- **August 6: Basic Home Energy Savings** -- The best time to take action on home energy savings is before the weather turns cold. Learn the basics and get a jump on winter.
- **August 20: Intermediate Home Energy Savings** – Feel like you've already done the basics? Learn the next steps to saving more energy and money in your home.

To get started, take our Sustainability Survey at www.warmtraining.org/actioniirs. If you want to learn more about this exciting new program or volunteer to help, contact Myles Hamby at 313- 387-4732, ext. 104 or mhamby@grandmontrosedale.com. For more information, visit www.grandmontrosedale.com.

JULY TRASH TALKIN' EVENTS - The anti-litter campaign Love Where You Live officially kicked off its Trash Talkin' continuous clean-up series on June 15. Trash Talkin' events continue this month on the second and fourth Saturdays in July. Volunteers will meet at 9 AM for coffee, tea, conversation and supplies – the clean-up will commence at 10 AM and will last a half hour to an hour.

On Saturday, July 13th volunteers will meet at 9 AM at McNichols.

On Saturday, July 27th volunteers will meet at 9 AM at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Chelsea Neblett at cneblett@grandmontrosedale.com or 313-387-4732, ext. 116.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETINGS TAKE SUMMER BREAK - The monthly Neighborhood Safety Meetings, usually held the fourth Thursday of the month at the North Rosedale Park Community House, will take a summer recess during July and August. The summer months will be used to host crime prevention workshops on topics selected by community residents.

We are planning a special crime prevention workshop for youth and parents that will take place before school begins this fall. Watch the GRDC weekly e-blast and the Grandmont Rosedale Crime Alert system for details. To sign-up for the crime alert system, send an email request to grandmontrosedalecrimealert@googlegroups.com

We welcome your suggestions for future crime prevention topics and/or speakers. Please send contact information for the speaker or organization to Liz Wroughton, Community Security Assistant at ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com or 313-387-4732, ext 109.

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.

GET THE GRDC E-MAIL BLAST! – Every Wednesday morning at 11 AM, GRDC sends out an 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.

Community Policing Pilot Program Reduced Home Invasions by 23%!

At the May Neighborhood Safety Meeting, Detroit Police Lt. U. Renee Hall from the Northwest District reported the results of a one-year *Community Policing Pilot Program* launched in the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods in June 2012. The program was specifically designed to reduce residential break-ins, also known as home invasions, and resulted in a 23% decrease in such crimes over the course of the year!

Throughout the year, the Detroit Police Department and the Michigan Department of Corrections coordinated home visits to individuals in the area who are on parole or probation for committing home invasions. These visits led to 42 arrests for parole and probation violations, but not one of the individuals visited by Police early in the program was arrested again for committing another break-in.

Grandmont Rosedale was selected as the target area for this pilot program because of the large numbers of residents actively involved with community security and the strong working relationship between community members and the Police Department.

In addition to the home visits, the pilot program involved an increase in proactive contact between the police and the community and relied on community members' "eyes and ears" to report crime and suspicious behavior. The program also incorporated elements of the "Broken Windows" theory that says that addressing quality of life issues such as blight, litter, graffiti or abandoned cars, can help reduce the incidence of more serious crimes.

The pilot program was a clear demonstration that coordination and communication between residents and law enforcement agencies can have a significant and measurable impact on crime.

For more information about the Community Policing Pilot Program, contact Karen Johnson Moore, Community Security Program Manager at Kmoore@grandmontrosedale.com or 313-387-4732, ext. 110.