# THE PARK VOICE



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Minock Park Block Association (MPBA) P.O. Box-23404 Detroit, MI 48223 Hotline Number 313-237-7222

### MONTHLY MPBA MEETING DATES:

## NOVEMBER 18 & JANUARY 20

**TRASH PICK-UP** 

Recycle - 1st and 3rd Monda

Yard Waste-2nd and 4th

Mondays(Last one Nov. 25 for season)

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

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, *November 18* -MPBA Meeting 7 p.m. at GRDC, 19800 Grand River- Everyone Welcome!

Tuesday, *November 19*-7 - 8:30 p.m.-Detroit City Council Evening Community Meeting, at Wayne County Comm. College District Eastern Campus, 5901 Conner Ave.

From now until *Friday, November 22nd*- "Warming Hearts One Coat at a Time" Coat Drive. 9a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Drop off at the GRDC Annex any new or gently used coats and /or winter accessories.

Saturday, *November 30* "Small Business Saturday at Always Brewing Detroit, 19180 Grand River. Stop by and support.

Thursday, *December 19th* at 6:310 p.m. - Neighborhood Safety Meeting at North Rosedale Comm. House.

# MINOCK PARK BLOCK ASSOCIATION DUES ARE NEEDED!

Minock Park Block Association Membership dues have been \$20.00 for decades. There have been no increases. We use the funds raised for mowing, clean-ups, maintaining flower beds, boarding up vacant properties and a lot more. The balance of our account is extremely low due to the small number of residents who pay their annual dues and the the increase of the needs in Minock Park. We need to improve our number of volunteers and the

the dues collected in order to maintain the neighborhood. If you have not paid for membership dues, please complete the form on page 4 and submit to the treasurer. (If you have paid your dues, and would like to get a head start on your 2014 dues, please indicate that you are paying for 2014.



Two Vacant houses in Minock Park has been finally demolished!

Before picture of house on Auburn.

After Demolition- Auburn Ave.



After Demolition- Plainview & Midland

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## 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.

There is an increase of people attempting to squat in our neighborhood. Please be aware of what is happening on your block. IF you do not feel comfortable questioning people attempting to squat in a house, or breaking into a house, call 911 or email the B & E Task Force beinfo@yahoo.com.

## 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!

Minock Park Residents: After a several month hiatus, our block club newsletter will once again be printed and distributed. The 3 business sponsors who have donated funds for the cost of printing are: Auntie Betty's Cafe, Advanced Expert Collision and Tri- County Systems. To show our appreciation for helping our Minock Park Block Club, please support and patronize their businesses. Please mention you saw their ad in our newsletter.

#### ADVANCED EXPERT COLLISION

Complete Automotive Repair Center 19541 Grand River Detroit, MI 48223 email: ddekko@gmailcom

19601 Grand river Detroit, MI 48223

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### GRDC article for association newsletters, November 2013

**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 |

**ATTENTION ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES -** Why not designate GRDC (code #94303) as your charity of choice in this year's Combined Federal Campaign? Put your CFC dollars to work right here in our neighborhood!

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING** - The Neighborhood Safety Meeting will take a short break in November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 19, when Attorney and Former Deputy Mayor Saul Green will the guest speaker. His topic is the Cease Fire Initiative, a program that requires gang members and those on probation to hear from crime victims and business owners just how their acts of violence impacted their lives and/or the community. Join us at 6:30 PM for a lively discussion at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT COAT DRIVE** —The Grandmont Rosedale Office Center, 19566 Grand River (the annex office), will be an additional drop-off site for the NW District 6<sup>th</sup> & 8th Police Precinct's 2013 Coat Drive. New coats or CLEAN, gently used coats in all sizes for children and adults will be accepted until Friday, November 22. We will also accept hats, scarves & gloves.

**FREELANCE WRITER NEEDED FOR GRDC** - GRDC is seeking a freelance writer to work on several ongoing GRDC communications: the weekly eblast, the quarterly newsletter, the monthly neighborhood newsletter article, grant writing, website updates, and management of social media outlets.

The candidate must be an excellent writer and have experience with similar types of writing. Grant writing and social media experience are a big plus. Basic graphic design skills are a must. Familiarity with the Grandmont Rosedale community is a plus.

If interested, send a proposal to Cathy Marshall, <u>cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com</u>, by December 15, 2013. Proposal must include hourly rate, two writing samples, a resume, and a description of how writing has been integrated into past jobs and/or volunteer work.

**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 <a href="mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com">info@grandmontrosedale.com</a> for more information

**VISIT MYGRANDMONTROSEDALE.ORG!** Want to stay up to date on all the latest happenings in the Grandmont Rosedale community? It's easy – just make <u>mygrandmontrosedale.org</u> your new homepage or add it as a bookmark. At this neighborhood web site, you will find notices and short articles about all the various neighborhoods, a calendar of community events, a business directory, and much more. We are on Facebook, too -- find us at <u>facebook.com/MyGrandmontRosedale!</u>

**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.

#### 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 Jean Dixon, Treasurer 15825 Plainview or email the information to <u>vickiholmes@att.net</u>.

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

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| CELL: _ | EMAIL ADDRESS(ES)   |
|         | I have enclosed \$20.00 for my annual membership dues. (Send to or drop off to the treasurer-Jean Dixon, Plainview).  |
|         | I would like to volunteer: / /clean-ups / / planting flowers / /watering flowers / / join a committee  (Beautification, CB Patrol, Code Enforcement, Community Engagement, Newsletter, NBD, |
|         | porhood Safety, Trash Talkin' (Anti Litter), Vacant Property, Youth Involvement), // Make telephone calls   |
| / /     | I am unable to pay my dues at this time.  |