



THE PARK VOICE

NEWS LETTER

Minock Park Block Association (MPBA)

P.O. Box-23404 Detroit, MI 48223

Hotline Number 313-237-7222

BULK TRASH PICK-UP

November 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 & OCTOBER 21

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

- Sunday, **September 8-** Grandmont Art & Craft Fair noon- 7 p.m. Ramsey Park (Located on Longacre St. Between Grand River & Lyndon)
- Thursday, **Sep -Oct. 10th** at 4:00-8:00 p.m.- Farmer's Market Bushnell Congregational Church
- Monday, **September 16** -MPBA Meeting- 7 p.m. at GRDC, 19800 Grand River- Everyone Welcome!
- Thursday, **September 26th** at 6:00 p.m. - Neighborhood Safety Meeting at North Rosedale Comm. House.
- Saturday, **September 28**, 9a.m.-2 p.m. Grandmont Rosedale "Quality of Life" Forum New St. Paul Tabernacle Church
- Monday, **September 30-** Police Community Relations Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. , Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield
- Monday, **October 21**—MPBA Meeting- 7 p.m. at GRDC, 19800 Grand River- Everyone Welcome!
- Thursday, **October 24** at 6:00 p.m. - Neighborhood Safety Meeting at North Rosedale Comm. House.
- Monday, **October 28-** Police Community Relations Meeting @ 7:00 p.m., Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield

RESIDENTS NOW CAN GET STATUS OF BUILDING DEMOLITION ONLINE

Detroit residents can now see where a particular structure is in the demolition process by using an online demolition map recently launched on the City of Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department's (BSEED) Web site. The map shows demolitions approved by Detroit City Council. The properties are shown in three categories indicated by different colors: Approved, In-Process and Completed.

It also includes a feedback form so that community members can report any issues with current demolitions and provide information about other open and dangerous buildings.

The map is available at www.detroitmi.gov/bseed.

Minock Park has one house listed on the approved status- 15 Auburn.

Quality of Life Forum Planned for September 28

In September 2012, the Grandmont Rosedale neighborhoods adopted a three-year strategic plan for improving the quality of life in our community. Now it's time to report on the first year's progress toward implementing this plan and to set priorities for year two of implementation. A community-wide Quality of Life Forum, to be held on Saturday, September 28, will provide an opportunity for that review and reflection.

"It is amazing how much we have already been able to accomplish," said Becki Kenderes, Program Manager of the Building Sustainable Communities Program. "We have a lot to celebrate, but also much work that still needs to be done." The Building Sustainable Communities Program is funded through a generous grant from the Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation.



FORUM DETAILS

The forum, to be held at New St. Paul Tabernacle Church, 15340 Southfield Service Drive, runs from 9 AM - 2 PM and includes a complimentary continental breakfast and lunch.

Featuring short presentations about the many activities, programs,

and task forces included in the community's Quality of Life Plan, the forum will also provide opportunities for residents to give feedback regarding plan goals and to get directly involved in improving the community.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

"A special part of the day's program will include recognition of some of the key volunteers who are making a big difference in the Grandmont Rosedale community," added Kenderes. "It is impossible to overstate the contributions made by so many dedicated residents."

All area residents, business owners, and other stakeholders are invited to attend. For more information and to RSVP to reserve your seat, contact Wilsie Calhoun at 313-387-4732, ext. 100 or info@grandmontrosedale.com.

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!

NEWS FOR MPA



Becki, Chelsea, along with the artist and our young residents in the Youth Group painted "Minock Park Community" on the brick wall at Fenkell and Plainview.

Minock Park Volunteers

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 volunteers:

- 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.
- to clean the flowers beds at Grand River and Plainview and Fenkell and Outer Drive
- to pick up litter on their block. If you are out walking on your block, bring a bag with you and pick up the litter along the way. Hopefully, neighbors will join you.



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



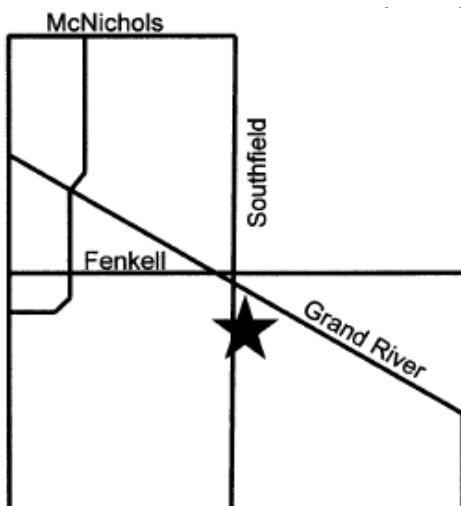
**DOUBLE UP
FOOD BUCKS**

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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' DAY AT NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET ON SEPT. 12 -

This year's 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!

We Take Plastic – All Kinds!

The Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market accepts credit and debit cards and the Bridge card, as well as Project FRESH and Market FRESH coupons. The market also offers the highly popular Double Up Food Bucks program for Bridge card users, which matches up to \$20 of a Bridge card purchase with an additional FREE \$20 in Double Up Bucks, for the purchase of Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.

For more information, and to volunteer to help at the market, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com.

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

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.

Scrap Metal Reform at Neighborhood Safety Meeting September 26

If you know someone who has had their catalytic converter or their air conditioner stolen, you are familiar with scrap metal theft. This type of crime is not just an urban/Detroit phenomenon -- farmers are losing their tractors and irrigation systems, while cities around the state, not just Detroit, are losing street light copper wiring, manhole covers, and railroad tracks. All of these items are being taken by scrap metal thieves.

A bi-partisan coalition of Michigan state representatives recently introduced a package of reform bills to help reduce scrap metal theft and its negative impact in our city and our state. Join us at the next neighborhood safety meeting on Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 PM, when our guest speakers will be State Rep. David Nathan (D-Detroit, District 8) and **State Rep. Rashida Tlaib** (D-Detroit, District 6), among the co-sponsors of the reform bills. Nathan and Tlaib will bring us the latest news on their efforts to get the bills passed.

SUPPORT THE REFORM BILLS: SIGN THE PETITION

Every Grandmont Rosedale resident can get involved – it's easy. Just sign the petition in support of the reforms recently launched by the Special Assessment District (SAD) City-Wide Coalition. Go to the Change.org petition at <http://chn.ge/1bS2Lem> or use the QR code below, if you have a smart phone.