



# 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**

**MAY 6, 2013**

**Aug. 6, Nov. 1**

### MONTHLY MPBA MEETING DATES:

**MAY 20, 2013**

**JUNE 17, 2013**

**MAY 2013** www.freebookmarkcalendars.com

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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**June 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**"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. **(No meetings in July, August or December)**

### PAWN SHOP PROPOSAL DENIED

A request for a special zoning change for the former Premiere Insurance/Fleishman Carpet building on Grand River at Plainview has been denied by the city. The Buildings & Safety Engineering Department received 17 letters opposing the request, and several local residents and representatives attended a March 26 meeting to speak out against the change.

The decision was based on several factors: a lack of enough parking spaces; that the request should have been for a pawn shop rather than for a secondhand store (both are regulated businesses); a lack of business plan or security plan for the business that would protect the neighborhood; and the fact that the site plan was denied earlier by the Planning and Development Department.

The building has been zoned B-4 General Business since 1953. The request would have granted a special change to allow a regulated business in that location. The owner had until April 9 to appeal the decision. (Courtesy of RPIA eblast)

### Grandmont Rosedale Easter Egg Hunt

**was a huge success!**



March 30,  
over 200  
children  
participated .

**Committee Members:** Dale Cathey and Mary McLeod from RPIA; Sherry

Gay-Dagnogos from NRPCA; Vicki Holmes from Minock Park.

Volunteers from Minock Park also included Katherine James, and Jarrell Holmes.

### Activities included:

- Egg Hunt
- Petting Zoo (funded through DMC grant)
- Sketch Artist (provided by Deborah Virgiles/McDonald's)
- Vision Screening (DMC and Kresge Eye Institute)
- Accident Prevention (DMC)
- Music (piano playing by Debbie Gore, RPIA resident)
- Refreshments (McDonald's and resident donations)
- Coloring (McDonald's)
- Raffle and Door Prizes (McDonald's)



**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](mailto: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](http://www.1800speakup.org)

TEXT: "TIP411" (847411)

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

*GREENING OF DETROIT will  
plant 180 trees in Minock Park on June 8th.*



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

## Changes in yard waste pickup

Now pickups will only be twice each month on 2nd & 4th weeks.

Beginning the week of April 22, the City of Detroit Department of Public Works (DPW) will implement a new schedule and begin collecting yard waste only twice a month in our neighborhood. Residents on the west side, including Minock Park, will have yard waste collection on the **2nd and 4th weeks of the month**. These bi-monthly collections will occur from mid-April through the first week in December. Please note that these weeks alternate with our twice-monthly curbside recycling weeks!

Months that have five Mondays will still only have two pickups for yard waste. That is the same for recycling. The 5th Monday of the month will only have scheduled trash pickup, with no recycling or yard waste pickup.

Please do not place your lawn bags at the curb unless pickup is scheduled the next day. Otherwise, bags could be at the curb for up to two weeks!

Residents can place grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs in biodegradable paper bags or personal containers on the same day their weekly refuse is collected. DPW will not collect yard waste in plastic bags. Branches, up to 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter, should be bundled and tied.

Residents are encouraged to mulch when cutting grass, which adds nitrogen to the soil and can reduce fertilizer use by as much as 30%. Citizens also may also take yard waste to any of the five conveniently located DPW drop-off sites. Citizens can go to the [DPW website](http://www.detroit.gov/DPW) for more information on yard waste, drop-off site locations and hours of operation. (Courtesy of RPIA eblast)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 20- MPBA Meeting-  
7p.m. @ GRDC, 19800 Grand River

Saturday, May 4th -volunteer to participate in  
the clean-ups in the neighborhood.

Sunday, May 5th- Grandmont Rosedale Open  
House 1:00 p.m. Tour begins at the North  
Rosedale Community Bld.

Sunday, May 12- Happy Mother's Day!

Thursday, May 16- Mayoral Forum  
North Rosedale Comm. House  
email [vickiholmes@att.net](mailto:vickiholmes@att.net) for free tickets.

Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. - Neighborhood  
Safety Meeting at North Rosedale Comm.  
House.

Thursday, June 6 4:00-8:00 p.m.- Farmer's  
Market opens for the season

Saturday, June 8- Greening of Detroit Tree  
Planting in Minock Park.

Saturday, June 15- 9:00a.m. "Trash Talkin"  
meet at Always Brewing to participate in the  
anti litter project.

Sunday, June 16- Happy Father's Day!

Monday, June 17-MPBA Meeting-  
7 p.m. at GRDC, 19800 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](mailto:vickiholmes@att.net).

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE MOVED TO MINOCK PARK \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES/COMMENTS:

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/ / 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.).



# GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

GRDC article for association newsletters,  
May 2013

## NORTHWEST DETROIT FARMERS' MARKET OPENS JUNE 6



Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market opens for its eighth season of good food and fellowship on Thursday, June 6 from 4-8 PM. "We are looking forward to fresh, locally grown and locally produced food," commented Market Master Pam Weinstein.

The market offers a wide variety of food, including locally grown produce, meats, baked goods, teas, Michigan honey, and homemade soups, as well as gourmet peanut butter, hummus, granola, and popcorn. The market is located in the south parking lot of Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Service Drive, just south of Grand River.

### "We take plastic!"

The 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 at the market, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or [pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com).

**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!

As we move toward implementing this new program, we are looking for individuals willing to serve as champions for a greener community. No specialized knowledge is necessary, just a passion for helping your community and the environment. If you would like to learn more about this exciting new program and volunteer to help, contact Joel at WARM Training Center at 313.894.1030, ext. 126, or [joel@warmtraining.org](mailto:joel@warmtraining.org). Also, visit the GRDC web site to take our Sustainability Survey at [www.grandmontrosedale.com](http://www.grandmontrosedale.com).





## 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](http://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.

GRDC has received a grant from the City of Detroit Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) that 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](mailto:belong@grandmontrosedale.com).



**COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOU!**– The Grandmont Rosedale Community Garden at Bushnell Church welcomes new participants. Whether you are an experienced veteran or a complete novice, you are welcome to come join us. We will be planting (and harvesting) strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beets, lettuce, Swiss chard, collard greens, arugula, green beans and more!

Come to learn, come to share your knowledge, come to have fun digging in the dirt! For more information, contact Pam Weinstein at 313-387-4732, ext. 103, or [pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:pweinstein@grandmontrosedale.com).

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING** - The monthly neighborhood safety meeting will be held on Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 PM [NOTE NEW TIME!] at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale. Due to the interest and positive response to a recent emergency preparedness presentation, the Crime Prevention Task Force is offering a raffle and audience participation incentive to help the community be better prepared for man-made or natural disasters.

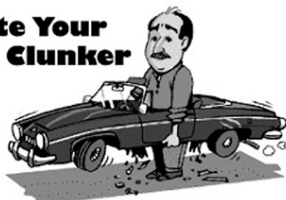
**DOOR PRIZE:** This meeting will feature a raffle for a door prize related to emergency preparedness. But the only people who can enter the raffle are those who bring a **new** person (someone who has never attended a Neighborhood Safety meeting) with them to any of three Neighborhood Safety meetings (April, May, and June). Each of the new guests will also receive a raffle ticket for these drawings, which will be held toward the end of each meeting, at about 8:15 PM.

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](mailto:ewroughton@grandmontrosedale.com).

For more information about the GRDC Community Security Program, including a link to the draft Special Assessment District ordinance, go to <http://www.grandmontrosedale.com/programs/publicsafety.html>

**DONATE YOUR CLUNKER!** - Got an old car you need to get rid of? Skip all the hassle of trying to sell it yourself and instead donate it to GRDC. You'll get a tax deduction and GRDC will get the proceeds from the sale of your clunker. Make your donation to Charity Motors (313-255-1000), and designate GRDC to receive proceeds from the sale. Charity Motors will even pick up your car for free. To date, 56 families have donated their cars to GRDC, for a total of \$19,862.

**Donate Your  
Clunker**



Want more information? Contact Cathy Marshall at [cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com](mailto:cmarshall@grandmontrosedale.com) or 313-387-4732, ext. 105.

**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](mailto: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!** – 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](mailto:info@grandmontrosedale.com) and ask to be added to the list.