Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

The John Ball Park neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses declined rapidly between 2006 and 2007 dipping below the city rate after a period of time when the neighborhood had a unique youth involved in offense rate twice the city rate. Between 2007 and 2011 the rate gradually declined and remained below the Grand Rapids city rate. Beginning in 2011 the rate began to climb again surpassing the city rate into 2012.

As represented in figure 5.1 John Ball Park experienced a steep decline and gradual drop in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2011 always remaining below the city rate between early 2008 and 2011. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in John Ball Park followed a similar steep decline between 2006 and 2007. After dipping below the city rate in 2007 through 2008 the rate increased slightly above the city rate between 2009 and 2010 before declining again in 2011. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in John Ball Park (Figure 5.3) slightly exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate in 2007 at which time it dropped below the city rate into 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

John Ball Park’s rate of unique offenses was much higher than the city rate from 2006 until 2007. After which between 2007 and 2011 the rate remained below the city rate. The rate began a steep incline again beginning in 2011 surpassing the city rate in early 2011. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in John Ball Park mirrors a similar pattern evident and discussed within the overall offense rate. Yet the Crime Offense rate did not dip below the city rate until 2008. The Status Offense rate in John Ball Park was highest in 2006 with a sharp decline into 2007. After the initial decline of
unique Status Offenses beginning in 2006, Status Offenses remained relatively constant mirroring the city rate into 2012. The Family Domestic Incident rate remained slightly higher than the city rate in 2007 when it declined below the city rate between 2008 and 2012.

Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood
As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing outside the John Ball Park neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the John Ball Park neighborhood varies on a yearly basis. In 2009 and 2011, more than 60 percent of offenders for Crime and Status Offenses were residents of John Ball Park. Yet, 2012 revealed an increase of individuals residing outside of John Ball Park committing...
offenses within the neighborhood. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses we see similar variations in proportion of crime offenses by resident and non-resident youth as in the overall offense category.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in John Ball Park against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in John Ball Park follows the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern. There are slight differentiations within years but overall the vast numbers of offenses are being committed by youth between the ages of 13 and 16 with 15 and 16 year old youth contributing the most toward Crime and Status Offenses within the neighborhood.

**Density Map of Juvenile Offenses/Incidents**

The geographical distribution of all juvenile offenses in John Ball Park is displayed in the map on page 127. All the juvenile offenses — including Criminal Offenses and Status Offenses — reported by the Grand Rapids Police Department from 2006 through 2012 are included within this density map. These maps represent the location of offenses only, not the residence of the youth involved. Within John Ball Park, the highest density of offenses occurring emanates near the eastern end of the neighborhood near Douglas where 65 offenses were reported. Other areas bordering Downton that have produced a higher density of offenses are just east of Lexington Avenue north of Fulton Avenue. Further understanding of these areas with a higher density of offenses can be developed through discussion with those familiar with the characteristics of the neighborhood and the particular blocks accounting...
John Ball Park
U.S. Census Youth Population 2010: 374

Figure 5.8 John Ball Park - Residence of Offenders Crime and Status Offenses

Figure 5.9 John Ball Park - Residence of Offenders Crime Offenses

Figure 6.0 John Ball Park - Residence of Offenders Status Offenses

Figure 6.1 John Ball Park - Age of Offenders

for the high density of offenses.
Concentration of Juvenile Offenses 2006 - 2012 – John Ball Park

Legend

- Grand Rapids Public Schools
- City of Grand Rapids
- Neighborhood Boundaries
- Green Space
- Rivers & Lakes

Major Roads
- Business
- Expressway
- State
- Street

Number of Juvenile Offenses
- 1 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 50
- 51 - 230

Note: The (#) signifies the number of offenses in cells containing greater than 50 offenses.

Sources:
- Grand Rapids Police Department - 2013
- After School Programs Database - Our Community’s Children
- Community Research Institute

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