Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city trend, the rate in which unique youth were involved in offenses in ken-O-Sha Park was similar to Grand Rapids as a whole. While the offense rate dropped in ken-O-Sha Park between 2006 and 2009, overall it rose between 2009 and 2012, and in 2012 it remained at a much higher rate than the overall city rate.

As represented in Figure 5.1 ken-O-Sha Park experienced a decrease in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2009. Between 2009 and 2011 the unique youth involved Crime Offense rates increased with a sharp increase from 2011 to 2012. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in ken-O-Sha Park was continually lower than the Grand Rapids rate except for in 2010, it was slightly more than the Grand Rapids rate. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in ken-O-Sha Park (Figure 5.3) slightly exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and 2009 and hovered around the Grand Rapids rate from 2009 to 2012.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, ken-O-Sha Park’s unique offense rate was above the city rate across all years within the report except for 2009. The total unique offenses within ken-O-Sha Park remained under a rate of 100 per 1,000 juveniles in the population except for 2006 and 2012. While the overall unique offense rate within ken-O-Sha Park declined significantly from 2006 to 2009, overall it rose again between 2009 and 2012 and was much higher than the city rate.
The rate change within the Crime Offense category in ken-O-Sha Park reveals a large decline between 2006 and 2007 and a steady decline between 2007 and 2009. The increase that occurred between 2009 and 2010 continued to remain through 2012. The Status Offense rate in ken-O-Sha Park was highest in 2010 with an overall decline thereafter. The overall status offense rate for ken-O-Sha Park remained lower than for the overall city of Grand Rapids status offense rate except for 2010 where it slightly exceeded the rate for the overall city of Grand Rapids status offense rate. The unique status
offense rate for ken-O-Sha Park remained relatively stable between 2006 and 2012 between seven and 20 per 1,000 juveniles. The Family Domestic Incident rate exceeded the city rate slightly between 2006 and 2008, dipped beneath the city rate in 2009, increased to more than the city rate again in 2010, dipped below in 2011, and increased again in 2012 to be slightly more than the overall city rate.

Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood
As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing inside and outside the ken-O-Sha Park neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the ken-O-Sha Park neighborhood fluctuates on a yearly basis. For example in 2006, about 40 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in ken-O-Sha Park were attributed to youth residing inside the neighborhood and 30 percent were attributed to youth from outside of the neighborhood. Increases in youth from outside the neighborhood are evident between 2007 and 2009 and again in 2011 through 2012. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses there is a slight increase in the proportion of ken-O-Sha Park resident youth committing Crime Offenses in 2006 and 2010. In regard to Status Offenses, for most years more than 50 percent of the status offenses were for juveniles from the ken-O-Sha Park neighborhood.

Age of Offenders/Incidents
Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in ken-O-Sha Park against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in ken-O-Sha Park follows the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern. There are slight differentiations within years but overall the vast number of offenses are being committed by youth between the ages of 14
and 16 with 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 Ken-O-Sha Park is displayed in the map on page 236. 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 ken-O-Sha Park, the areas where offenses occurred most frequently are near intersections and hosing; as anticipated. The concentration of juvenile offense activity appears to be equally dispersed based on spatial location within ken-O-Sha Park. Further understanding of 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 for the high density of offenses.
Concentration of Juvenile Offenses 2006 - 2012 – ken-O-sha Park

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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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