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 Ridgemoor Park overall was below that of the city rate. The overall offense rate remained the same between 2006 and 2007 followed by a slight increase between 2007 and 2008, a slight decrease between 2008 and 2009, after which it decreased overall between 2009 and 2012. As represented in Figure 5.1 Ridgemoor Park experienced a lower rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2012. The rate increased between 2007 and 2008 followed by an overall decrease between 2008 and 2012. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Ridgemoor Park was below the Grand Rapids rate for all; it remained between zero and ten per 1,000 youth for all years. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in the Ridgemoor Park neighborhood (Figure 5.3) also remained below the Grand Rapids rate for all years included in this report and very stable (between zero and 10 per 1,000).

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, the Ridgemoor Park neighborhood’s unique offense rate remained below the city rate for all years included in this report; it fluctuated between 5 and 40 offenses per 1,000 juveniles for all years. There was an increase between 2007 and 2008 followed by a decrease between 2008 and 2009. There was another decrease between 2010 and 2012 which resulted in a rate close to zero per 1,000 juveniles in 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Ridgemoor Park reflected the overall rate of unique offenses. There was an increase between 2007 and 2008 followed by a decrease, another increase, and a steady decrease between 2010 and 2012 resulting in a rate close to zero per 1,000 juveniles. The crime rate within Ridgemoor
Park remained below the overall city rate for all years included in the report. The Status Offense rate in Ridgemoor Park was consistently below the city rate for all years included in this report. The unique status offense rate for Ridgemoor Park remained between zero and ten per 1,000 juveniles for all years included in this report. The Family Domestic Incident remained consistently below the city rate for all years included in this report as well. Overall, between 2006 and 2012, the Family Domestic Incident remained stable around five per 1,000 juveniles.

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 Ridgemoor Park...
neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Ridgemoor Park neighborhood remained somewhat consistent across all years included in this report. For example in 2006, about 50 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in the Ridgemoor Park neighborhood were attributed to youth residing outside of the neighborhood.

When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses the proportion of Ridgemoor Park resident youth committing Crime Offenses for most years remained about the same except for 2012; all of crime offenses that occurred in 2012 were committed by juveniles residing in Ridgemoor Park. In regard to Status Offenses, it depended on the year as to whether the majority of offenders were from Ridgemoor Park or from outside the neighborhood. In 2009 and 2012 all were from outside the neighborhood while, in 2011, all were from the neighborhood. The reason the proportion differs so much by year is due to the fact that not many status offenses occurred in the Ridgemoor Park neighborhood during the years included in the report.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Ridgemoor Park against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. The age of onset in Ridgemoor Park follows somewhat of the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern for juveniles; however there is a larger percentage of 13 year old offenders and a smaller percentage of younger juveniles (younger than 13) committing offenses in Ridgemoor Park than in Grand Rapids overall. The vast number of offenses are being committed by youth between the ages of 13 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 Ridgemoor Park is displayed in the map on the next page. 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 Ridgemoor Park, the highest density of offenses occurring emanates near the intersection of Alger Street and Edgewood Avenue. 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.