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 Roosevelt Park 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 remained relatively stable. As represented in Figure 5.1 Roosevelt Park experienced a stable rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2012 except for an increase between 2007 and 2008 and a decrease between 2008 and 2009.

The rate for Roosevelt Park was below the city rate for unique youth involved in Crime Offenses for all years included in this report. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Roosevelt Park was below the Grand Rapids rate for all years except 2012 where it was slightly above the city rate; it remained between zero and 20 for all years. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in the Roosevelt Park neighborhood (Figure 5.3) also remained below the Grand Rapids rate for all years (except 2012 where it was about the same) included in this report and relatively stable (between zero and 20 per 1,000).

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, the Roosevelt Park neighborhood’s unique offense rate remained below the city rate for all years included in this report; it fluctuated between 20 and 40 offenses per 1,000 juveniles for all years. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Roosevelt Park reveals although there was fluctuation year to year, it remained about the same (around
20 per 1,000 youth) for all years. The crime rate within Roosevelt Park remained below the overall city rate for all years included in the report. The Status Offense rate in Roosevelt Park was consistently below the city rate for all years included in this report except 2012, where it was about the same as the city rate. The unique status offense rate for Roosevelt Park remained between zero and 20 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 except 2012, where it was about the same as the
city rate. Overall, between 2006 and 2012, the Family Domestic Incident rate for Roosevelt Park slowly increased, peaking in 2012 at about 20 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 Roosevelt Park neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Roosevelt Park neighborhood remained somewhat consistent across all years included in this report. For example in 2006, about 45 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in the Roosevelt Park neighborhood were attributed to youth residing inside of the neighborhood while 25 percent were attributed to youth residing outside of the neighborhood.

When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses the proportion of Roosevelt Park resident youth committing Crime Offenses for most years increased between 2010 and 2012. In regard to Status Offenses, it depended on the year as to whether the majority of offenders were from Roosevelt Park or from outside the neighborhood. In 2009 all were from outside the neighborhood while, in 2007 and 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 Roosevelt Park neighborhood during 2007, 2009 and 2011.

Age of Offenders/Incidents

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Roosevelt Park against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. The age of onset in Roosevelt Park
follows somewhat of the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern for juveniles; however there is a larger percentage of 13 to 15 year old offenders and a smaller percentage of 16 year old juveniles committing offenses in Roosevelt Park than in Grand Rapids overall. The vast number of offenses are being committed by youth between the ages of 13 and 16 with 15 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 Roosevelt Park is displayed in the map below. 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 Roosevelt Park, the areas where juvenile offenses occurred most often were near Cesar E. Chavez Elementary and the area to the southwest of the elementary school. 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 – Roosevelt Park

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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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