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 Shangrai-La overall was below that of the city rate (except for 2008). The overall offense rate remained the same between 2006 and 2007 followed by a sharp increase between 2007 and 2008, a sharp decrease between 2008 and 2009, and slight increases and decreases between 2009 and 2012. The rate remained below the city rate every year included in the report except 2008 when it peaked to be above the city rate.

As represented in Figure 5.1, Shangrai-La experienced a decrease in the rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2007, a sharp increase between 2007 and 2008, another decrease between 2008 and 2009, followed by an increase and then an overall decrease between 2010 and 2012. The rate for Shawmut Hills was below the city rate for unique youth involved in Crime Offenses for all years included in this report except 2008 and 2010. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Shangrai-La 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 Shangrai-La neighborhood (Figure 5.2) also remained below the Grand Rapids rate for all years (except 2011 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 Shangrai-La neighborhood’s unique offense rate oscillated between being below and above the city rate between 2007 and 2011; in 2006 and 2012 the
The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Shangrai-La reveals a decrease between 2006 and 2007 followed by sharp increases between 2007 and 2008 and 2009 and 2010 and sharp decreases between 2008 and 2009 and 2010 and 2011. The crime rate within Shangrai-La was below the overall city rate for all years included in the report except 2008 and 2010. The Status Offense rate in Shangrai-La 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 Shangrai-La 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 2011, where it was slightly above the city rate. Overall, between 2006 and 2011 the Family Domestic Incident rate for Shangrai-La slowly increased, peaked in 2011, and decreased between 2011 and 2012.

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 Shangrai-La neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the Shangrai-La neighborhood remained somewhat the same for all years included in this report. For example in 2006, about 60 percent of the Crime and Status Offenses combined occurring in the Shangrai-La neighborhood were attributed to youth residing outside of the neighborhood.

When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses the proportion of Shangrai-La resident youth committing Crime Offenses for most years remains about the same as for all offenses. In regard to Status Offenses, for years where status offenses occurred in the Shangrai-La neighborhood, it depended on the year as to whether the majority was from Shangrai-La or from outside the neighborhood. In 2008 and 2012 all were from outside the neighborhood. The reason the proportion differs so much by year is due to the fact that not many status offenses occurred in the Shangrai-La 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 Shangrai-La against the age
of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. The age of onset in Shangrai-La 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 14 year old offenders in Shangrai-La 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 Shangrai-La 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 Shangrai-La, there was no specific area where juvenile offenses occurred more frequently than others; the offenses were dispersed throughout the neighborhood with more occurring at the borders of Shangrai-La and Shawnee Park, and Shangrai-La and Millbank. 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.