Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city trend, overall the rate in which unique youth were involved in offenses in Shawmut Hills remained below that of the city rate. The overall offense rate decreased between 2006 and 2009 followed by a sharp increase between 2009 and 2010 and a steady decrease between 2010 and 2012. From 2006 to 2009 the rate remained below the city rate, peaked to be above the city rate in 2010 and remained about the same as the city rate in 2011 and 2012.

As represented in Figure 5.1 Shawmut Hills experienced a steady decrease in the rate of unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2009 followed by a sharp increase between 2009 and 2010 and another stead decrease between 2010 and 2012. Between 2006 and 2009 the rate for Shawmut Hills was below the city rate for unique youth involved in Crime Offenses. From 2010 to 2012 the rate for unique youth involved in Crime Offenses within Shawmut Hills was above the city rate. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in Shawmut Hills was below the Grand Rapids rate for all years; it remained around three for all years. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in the Shawmut Hills neighborhood (Figure 5.3) also remained below the Grand Rapids rate for all years included in this report and relatively stable (around seven per 1,000).

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents

In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, Shawmut Hills’ unique offense rate remained below the city rate for all years except 2010 where it was slightly above the city rate. The total unique offenses within Shawmut Hills were between rates of 15 to 65 per 1,000 juveniles in the population. The overall
unique offense rate within Shawnee Park decreased between 2006 and 2009, sharply increased between 2009 and 2010 and decreased again between 2010 and 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in Shawmut Hills reveals a decrease between 2006 and 2009 followed by a sharp increase between 2009 and 2010 and an overall decrease between 2010 and 2012. The crime rate within Shawmut Hills was below the overall city rate for all years included in the report except 2010. The Status Offense rate in Shawmut Hills was consistently below the city rate for all years.
included in this report. The unique status offense rate for Shawnee Park remained around five per 1,000 juveniles for all years included in this report. The Family Domestic Incident remained about the same between the years 2006 and 2012 and was consistently below the city rate. Between 2006 and 2012 the Family Domestic Incident rate for Shawnee Park was consistently around eight 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 Shawmut Hills who were involved in offenses within Shawmut Hills 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 Shawmut Hills were attributed to youth residing outside of the neighborhood.

When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses the proportion of Shawmut Hills 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 Shawmut Hills neighborhood, it depended on the year as to whether the majority was from Shawmut Hills or from outside the neighborhood. In 2007 most were from outside the neighborhood and in 2008 about half were from inside the neighborhood. The reason the proportion differs so much by year is due to the fact that not many status offenses occurred in the Shawmut Hills neighborhood.

**Age of Offenders/Incidents**

Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in Shawmut Hills against the
Shawmut Hills follows the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 (inclusive). There were no juveniles younger than 12 committing offenses in the Shawnee Park neighborhood that were recorded. 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 Shawmut Hills 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 Shawmut Hills, the highest number of offenses occur near the Union High School, Academy of Design and Construction, and Union Community School area (96) along with the area surrounding Westwood Middle 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 – Shawmut Hills

Legend

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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