



# **GRAND DALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

## **NEWSLETTER**

## **Fall 2012**

### **GDNA Garden**

Part of the Adopt-A-Garden program, our flower bed welcomes everyone who passes along Plymouth Road and Southwestern. It sits between Redford Karate and Gold N Time. The owners of Gold N Time have always graciously supplied the water for our plants. Redford Karate mows the lawn, and we thank them for letting us use their property for our garden. We are also thankful for a number of residents who volunteer to take a week or two during the summer to water, weed and pick up debris. We can always use more volunteers. Just email Colleen at [credoute@msn.com](mailto:credoute@msn.com) or call Elvera at 313-937-8924 if you would like us to call you next summer. We hope you enjoy your neighborhood garden! 🌸

### **Caramel Apples**

Every year The Grand Dale Neighborhood Association sells caramel apples at the township Oktoberfest. This is our main fundraiser for the year. We use proceeds to fund our garden. If you would like to volunteer to help us next year, call Elvera at 313-937-8924. We have fun seeing and talking to all of our neighbors at the Oktoberfest.

### **Time to Renew Your Membership**

We have reduced the membership fee to join the neighborhood association to just \$5 per year for residents and \$15 for businesses along Plymouth Road. Yearly renewal is now January 1, but you may join anytime. We have meetings throughout the year when needed. You may call Elvera Boyce at 313-937-8924 to find out when the next date is. We encourage you to participate. Join or renew your membership today! Information is enclosed with this newsletter.

### **What are Your Ideas?**

We would like to know what you, the Grand Dale Neighborhood residents, would like your association to sponsor. Would you like block parties, pot luck dinners, or speakers on topics such as insurance, home improvement, safety, etc? Would you like to attend a general membership meeting once a year? Let us know what interests you by calling Elvera at 313-937-8924 or emailing Colleen at [credoute@msn.com](mailto:credoute@msn.com).

# ***Township News***

## **Neighborhood Watch Program**

Officer Jennifer Mansfield wants you! She would like you to help ensure the safety of our community by joining a Neighborhood Watch program. If you would like more information or would like to become a block captain, please contact her at 313-387-2562. The program features a number of informational meetings that teach residents about crime prevention. One neighbor who reported suspicious activity said she would not have known what to watch out for if she had not attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting. Because she called the police, a thief was apprehended. Please consider becoming a block captain so that your area will be able to benefit from this worthwhile program.

## **Trash and Recycling**

- Redford Township will now pick up two large or bulky items for free each week on trash day! It is not necessary to call for a scheduled time.
- All clean, household plastics (containers and bags) #1 to #7, cardboard, glass jars, aluminum, steel and tin cans, and newspapers, magazines, junk mail and other papers can be put in your recycling bin.
- Yard waste may be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or in containers (35 gallon or smaller) marked "Yard Waste."
- If you have any problems, call Republic Waste Services at 877-264-5544.

## **Blight Hotline**

Redford Township's Blight Hotline number is 313-387-2604. If a business or home is not being maintained or the grass is over six inches, call the above number or email [pride@redfordtwp.com](mailto:pride@redfordtwp.com). You need to supply a valid address and specific details about the problem. The name of the person reporting the problem will be kept confidential. If you do not notice a resolution in a week or two, call again to be sure someone takes care of the situation.

## **Ashcroft School**

You may have heard that Ashcroft School at West Chicago and Sioux was scheduled for demolition this fall. Although the school will eventually be torn down, there has been a delay in the demolition process. We will notify GDNA members when more information is known.

## **Stay Safe**

- Lock your doors and windows.
- Call 911 to report suspicious activity while it is still occurring.
- Sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) for email and text alerts about crimes and events in Redford Township as well as other areas.
- Join a Neighborhood Watch group.