



GRAND DALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Winter 2013

GDNA Garden

Our Grand Dale Neighborhood Association flower garden on Plymouth Rd. and Leverage has been thriving thanks to all the care it receives from our dedicated volunteers and the money we spend to maintain the ash trees. Costly yearly treatment to fight emerald ash borer disease has kept our trees alive. Nonetheless, an auto accident mortally wounded a newer, non-ash tree. We now have a new pear tree in its place.

In May we will start to take weekly turns to water, weed and deadhead the flowers. We can always use more volunteers. Just email Colleen at credoute@msn.com or call Elvera at 313-937-8924 if you would like to help out. We hope you enjoy your neighborhood garden!



Credit Union Promotion

The Community Choice Credit Union has a promotion that gives new customers a \$25 bonus. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

GDNA Membership Dues

Membership dues for the Grand Dale Neighborhood Association are a deal at only \$5 a year. A membership form is enclosed, but Grand Dale residents who are members of Community Choice Credit Union and who wish to pay their \$5 annual dues online may transfer \$5 to the GDNA's CCCU account, 4761010, share 00, by logging into their accounts at the CCCU website

(<https://www.communitychoicecu.com>).

Please remember that dues are valid for a calendar year. Your donation is used to support our garden and events. Thank you so much for your support.

www.gdna.info

A website, at www.gdna.info, is under construction for the Grand Dale Neighborhood Association. The site so far contains recent newsletters, the membership form, and information about elected representatives. There is also information about receiving a feed of crime reports. Suggestions for website content are welcome (and encouraged!) and may be sent to Scott Barnett at scottebarnett@gmail.com. Scott would also appreciate scans of pictures of the area from decades past for use on the site.

Important Phone Numbers

If you are a new resident or have not received your Redford phone directory, contact the **Chamber of Commerce, 313-535-0960** for a copy.

Township calendars will be distributed soon. Keep them on hand for valuable information about events and township phone numbers.

Dial-a-Ride: 313-387-2770

The Redford Connector is a small bus that travels anywhere in Redford and periodically makes trips to area malls. Service is available Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required at least two business days beforehand.

Bus Fares

Redford seniors (62 and up) and handicapped: \$2.00 each way
Adults (18 - 61): \$4.00 each way

South Fire Station: 313-937-2029

The Redford Fire Dept. loans out wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches to Redford residents free of charge. You must show proof of residency. The station will also check installed child car seats.

Redford Township Services for Senior Citizens: 313-387-2788



Sign up at www.nixle.com for email and text alerts about crime and events in Redford Township as well as other areas.

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.

Ashcroft School

As you have probably noticed, the old Ashcroft School on the corner of Sioux and West Chicago has been demolished. In its place is a grassy field with no signs of the former building. Grant money funded most of the cost of the demolition and the removal of asbestos and other hazardous material.

The Redford Jaycees' community garden next to the former location of the school was not disturbed during the demolition process. If you would like information about renting space to grow vegetables there, contact the Redford Jaycees at 313-473-7852.

Township Website

The Redford Township website is an invaluable resource for events and activities in the township. Visit www.redfordtwp.com for information on recreational classes, blood drives, food pantries, financial assistance programs, the I96 reconstruction project and a wealth of other information.

Have a very happy holiday season!