

Volunteering Opportunities

Neighborhood Ambassadors

Neighborhood Ambassador volunteers offer friendly assistance to Gordon Square visitors by recommending restaurants, helping point out parking lots, and giving information on shows at the Capitol Theatre, Cleveland Public Theatre, and Near West Theatre. Shifts are typically 2 hours long on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Graffiti Sweeps

On occasion, DSCDO organizes graffiti clean-ups around the neighborhood's vital corridors to create a more enjoyable environment for residents, business owners, and visitors. Volunteers work in a small group to paint over tags.

Court Watch

Ensure that residents' voices are heard during the trial and sentencing of those charged with crimes in the neighborhood. Residents are given the opportunity to address the individual charged in the courtroom in an effort to show neighborhood unity against crime.

Portable Radar Machine

Contact DSCDO to have the Ward 15 portable radar machine placed on streets with high volume or speeding concerns. The device does not distribute tickets but rather identifies the rate at which vehicles are traveling to promote awareness.

If interested in learning more about any of the above volunteering opportunities, or have suggestions for additional programs please call DSCDO's Safety Coordinator at 216-961-4242 ext. 226.

Contact Information

DSCDO: 216-961-4242

- Safety Issues: ext. 226
- Community Organizer: ext. 243

Police, Fire, and EMS

- Emergency Dispatch: 911
- Non Emergency Police: 216-621-1234
- Non Emergency Fire: 216-621-1212
- Non Emergency EMS: 216-623-4545
- Narcotics Unit: 216-623-5474
- Community Service Unit: 216-623-5220
- Community Policing: 216-623-5080
- Impound Lot: 216-623-5065
- Accident Records: 216-623-5269
- RTA Transit Police: 216-566-5163

Other Helpful Numbers

- City Hall: 216-664-2000
 - Councilman Zone's Office: 216-664-4235
 - Report Illegal Dumping: 216-664-3867
 - Report Traffic Light Problems: 216-664-3194
 - Report Street Light Outages: 216-621-5483
 - Animal Control: 216-664-3069
 - Pot Holes and Snow Removal: 216-664-2510
 - Tree Trimming/Removal: 216-664-3104
 - Waste Collection: 216-664-2397
 - Water Department: 216-664-3060
 - Cleveland Public Power: 216-664-3156
 - The Illuminating Company: 1-800-589-3101
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Neighborhood Safety Resources



Safety Tip

Porch Light Protection

Leaving porch lights on at night illuminates the sidewalk and helps protect your home and neighbors from danger. Studies show that break-ins and other criminal activity are less likely to occur in well lit areas where people think they might be watched. For roughly \$3.24 per month, you can make a difference by turning your porch light on every night.

Participatory Committees

Block Clubs

Block clubs are a great way to meet neighbors, participate in fun events from potlucks to block parties, share concerns, and get involved in the community. If you are interested in starting or joining a block club in your area, contact DSCDO's Community Organizer for more information at 216-961-4242 ext. 243.

Safety Committee

Detroit Shoreway has a new Community Action Coalition created by and led by residents. Working committees of the coalition include Housing, Community Building, Safety, and Green Space. The Safety committee helps organize safety-related events such as the 2nd District Police Appreciation Dinner, and works to create and improve safety-related programming within the neighborhood. For more information on how to get involved in the Safety Committee, contact the Safety Coordinator at 216-961-4242 ext. 226. If you are interested in any of the other committees, contact DSCDO at 216-961-4242.

2ND District Community Relations Committee

At 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, the 2nd District Community Relations Committee meets at The Applewood Center located at 3518 West 25th Street to discuss safety issues in the Detroit Shoreway, Ohio City, Tremont, Old Brooklyn, Stockyards, Clark-Fulton, and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Other Resources

Citizens Police Academy

This program for residents 18 and older covers topics such as legal issues, police officer training and preparedness, and internet crimes against children. It includes a tour of the Justice Center, the outdoor range, the communication center and the Police Museum. It may also include presentations by Canine, Narcotics, and SWAT units. For more information call 216-623-5080.

Neighborhood Watch Program

In this program, neighbors work with police to design crime prevention programs which meet their own particular needs. Networks of neighbors are trained by crime prevention officers to protect themselves and their property, as they learn to serve effectively as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement agencies in their communities. For more information call 216-623-5080.

Residential and Commercial Security Audits

Officers meet with property owners and residents to survey, review, and suggest improvements in security. For more information call 216-623-5080.

Youth Community Diversion Program

First-time offending juveniles may be eligible to participate in the Youth Community Diversion Program run by the City of Cleveland. Participants are given a chance to avoid obtaining a juvenile court record in exchange for community service and supervision. For more information call 216-664-6250.

Neighborhood Connections

Neighborhood Connections offers competitive grants of between \$500 and \$5,000 to community projects that address arts, beautification, capacity building, transportation, education, and safety. For more information call 216-229-8719.

Online Resources

DSCDO E-news and Social Media

Sign up to receive DSCDO's weekly e-news, The Catalyst, by contacting our Marketing Director at 216-961-4242 x 236. Follow DSCDO on Facebook and Twitter.

Nextdoor.com

If interested in starting an account on Nextdoor.com, contact DSCDO's Safety Coordinator at 216-961-4242 ext. 243. Additionally, users can opt to receive emergency text messages when suspicious activity is noted in their area.

i-Neighbors

Start an account on i-Neighbors.org to stay knowledgeable on neighborhood wide events, to ask for recommendations on contractors, or to enlist the help of the entire neighborhood in finding your lost dog.

2nd District Community Relations Committee (Facebook)

The 2nd District Community Relations Committee page on Facebook is a great tool to stay informed on current safety issues within the 2nd police district. It's also a great place to see how police officers are involved in the community.

Cleveland Police Department Online Reporting

Did you know you can report a crime online? If the crime has already occurred and the perpetrator is long gone, this is sometimes the best way to file a report, especially if the crime is petty theft. Use the following link to make your report: <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/PublicSafety/Division%20of%20Police/Onlinereports>

City of Cleveland Ordinances

If you want to look into a specific city ordinance, you can find it at the following link: <http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/charter-codified-ordinances/>