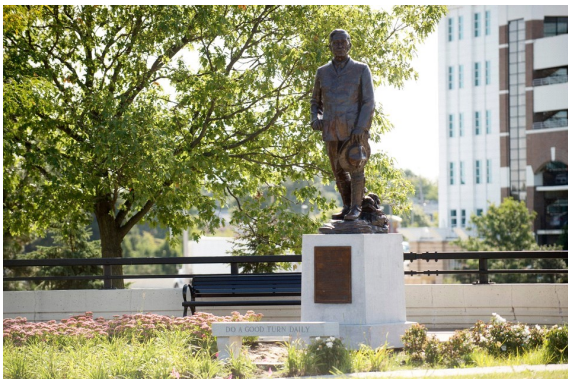




## Neighbors Of Belknap Lookout Annual Report 2017

**ABOUT US:** Neighbors of Belknap Lookout is an independent, democratic association; residents, property owners, and businesses within the boundaries of Leonard, College, Michigan and the Grand River are automatically considered members. We are a 501c3 nonprofit whose human services / community development activities center around [public safety](#) and [neighborhood leadership development](#) (both City of Grand Rapids Community Development-funded Programs). We also operate one unit of affordable housing and a small after school program. As we tell our members, we can accomplish much more together than any of us could do alone. Learn more at [www.belknaplookout.org](http://www.belknaplookout.org).

**OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** We transformed several spaces in the neighborhood in 2017: We joined the Coit Creative Arts Academy PTO and Friends of GR Parks to add flower beds at Coit Park, the vacant lot next to the office is now a community space featuring a swing set and benches, the vacant lot at 762 North is a neighborhood garden, and the statue of Charles Belknap (photos from MLive) moved from its home at Griff's Ice House to the corner of Coit and Hastings as an anchor of the new Linear Park.

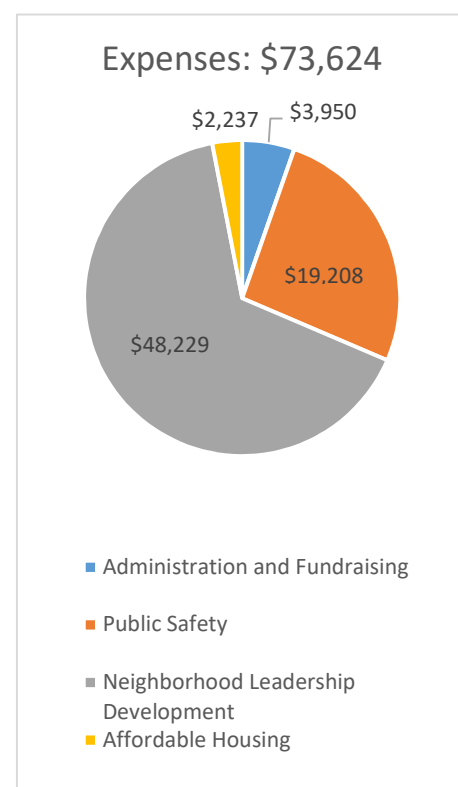
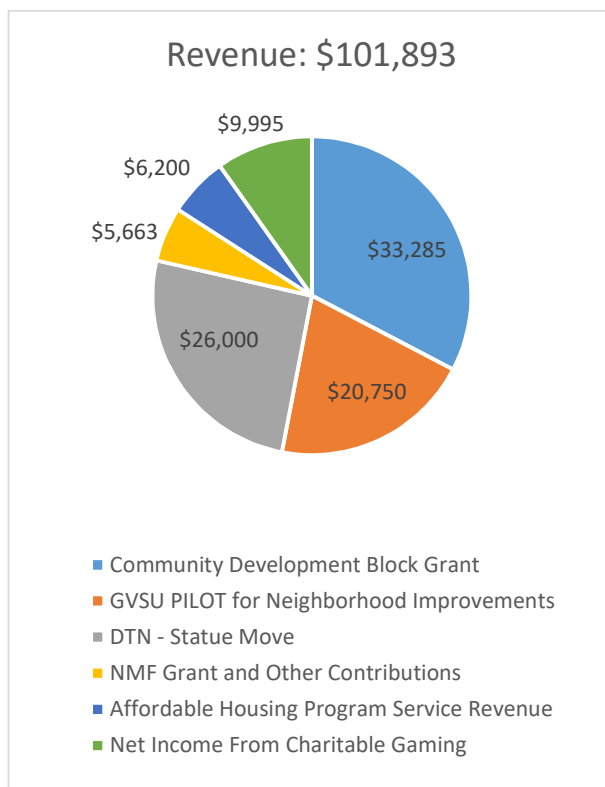


**ANNUAL ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEE WORK:** We also held several standard events: Dumpster Day (not pictured), National Night Out, and Neighborhood Clean Up, giving neighbors a chance to dispose of large trash items free of charge, meet their public safety workers in a fun setting, and work together to remove litter from the neighborhood, respectively. Several neighbors currently serve on committees focusing on development in the neighborhood and options for improving mobility in the neighborhood.



Our Development Committee impacted the following projects: the self-storage buildings on Clancy, the condos on Fairview, and the proposed rebuilding of the L&L Market on Clancy over two lots. The Mobility Committee endorsed the removal of residential permit parking around the commercial first floor of the Gateway on Hastings, to be replaced by digital parking meters. Residents from throughout the neighborhood participated in the Master Planning process for the GVSU Health Science Campus.

## OUR FINANCES:



**2017 Board Members:** Barbara LaBeau (Chair), Loren Sturris (Vice Chair), Rob Kennedy (Secretary), Gretchen Warnimont (Treasurer), Loretta Klimaszewski, Todd Leinberger, John Skryski, Johnathan Swets.