You opened a bike shop...

On April 8 Oakdale Neighbors started *Boston Square Community Bikes*, a community bike program and bike shop developed in partnership with The Motion Initiative.

The shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8:30 PM and the first Saturday of the month, 9 AM-1 PM. It relies on volunteers, so call us if you’re interested in helping out.

At Boston Square Community Bikes...

1. You can work on your own bike. Mechanics will help you learn how to maintain or repair your bike.
2. You can buy a bike or bike parts.
3. You can donate money or bicycles to the program.
4. You can volunteer as a bike mechanic, repairing bicycles and teaching.

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You launched a timebank...

Oakdale Neighbors is hosting *Timebank Grand Rapids* to help neighbors and others in the area share services with one another. As a member of the timebank you earn a time dollar by doing a service for someone else. The time dollar you earn is “stored” in the timebank. You can spend your time dollars by asking another member to do something for you.

A timebank helps us work together for the common good. It matches skills and talents with needs in the neighborhood.

Through a timebank we:
• get to know neighbors
• support and care for one another
• build a sense of community
• affirm one another’s contributions
• promote equality and social justice

You can become a member of the timebank by visiting www.oakdaleneighbors.org/timebank.

Visitors to Boston Square Community Bikes
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The Money Map

Eleven women graduated from Oakdale Neighbors’ eight-week money management class called The Money Map. During the class these women examined their daily expenses, discussed saving strategies, and learned about checking accounts, careful borrowing, credit repair, and more. Macatawa Bank helped teach the class and offered $1 to participants for every $2 saved.

Boston Square Area Plan

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What’s Happening at Oakdale Neighbors

Boston Square Community Bikes
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6-8:30 PM
Oakdale Neighbors’ office

Community Garden Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 7 PM
Corner of Oakdale and Eastern

Neighborhood Master Plan Review
Thursday, August 6, 6-8:00 PM
Oakdale Neighbors’ office

Thank you!
Your support makes it possible!