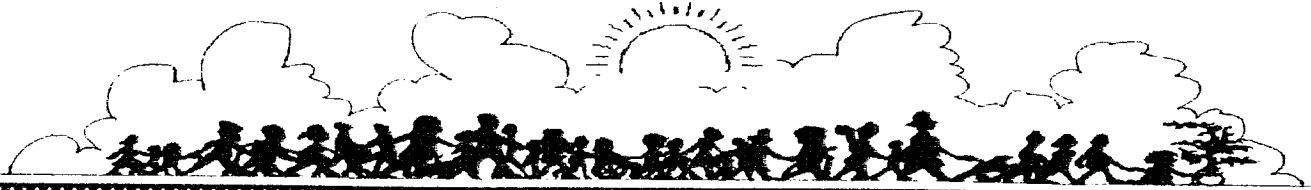


MorningSide

"A Community on the Rise!"



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Special Points

Of Interest

- Welcome to our new forum for information.
- Suggestions from our residents are always welcomed!
- Learn how you or your Block Club can get more involved with the MorningSide Community Organization.
- Beautification Contest Details & Highlights
- Find out who's sits on the MorningSide Board of Directors.
- Important facts about East Side issues that may impact your health.

NEWSLETTER 3rd Quarter 2004

"Allow us to "Re-Introduce" Ourselves".

We're MorningSide...your Community Organization.

Formally N. E. A. R. (Neighborhood East Area Residents), which was founded in 1977, we are one of the oldest and most influential organizations on the East side.

MorningSide consists of individuals who live or operate a business within the boundaries of I-94, Alter Road, Mack Ave. and E. Outer Drive. There are a total of 20 residential streets within MorningSide (see listing on pg. 3).

Our purpose is to work to improve the overall quality of life in our neighborhoods by creating a safe, healthful, beautiful and enjoyable community.

It's time we got to know each other better. Please come out and show your support for the community by joining us at our monthly general membership meetings.

We would love your input and we hope to see you there!

Just a Friendly Reminder...

Morningside General Membership Meetings

Are held on the first Tuesday of every month

At Christ United Methodist Church (E. Warren @ Haverhill) at 7pm sharp.

The next meeting is: Tuesday September 7, 2004

"Beautification Gathering Brings Out Winners"

By Kim Monts

Last fall, the 2003 *MorningSide Annual Beautification Awards Banquet* brought out nearly 50 residents of the community to celebrate the accomplishments of the contest winners.

MorningSide, one of the oldest organizations on the East side of Detroit, hosts this event in honor of the people and their homes that are recognized as brilliant examples of the splendor that MorningSide represents.

There was lot's of good fellowship with friends and neighbors. Although there were some "repeat" winners, last year's banquet saw its share of first time awardees.



MORNINGSIDE PRIDE

We are pleased to announce something **NEW**

for this year's contest...

THE 2004

"BEAUTIFICATION
CELEBRATION"

AWARDS BANQUET

will be held at

SINBAD'S on the Detroit River

Tickets will be just \$40.00 per person, which includes Dinner

...so help us spread the word!

A
BEAUTIFUL
COMMUNITY
IS
A
PROUD
COMMUNITY

2004 Beautification Contest Details

Planning for the 2004 Beautification contest is well underway. 50 residents have been randomly selected (from the group listing of last years winners) and have been asked to serve as Judges for this years contest along with a few interested participants from last month's general membership meeting.

The contest will be judged during the weeks of August 7th through August 20th.

Yard signs for the winners should begin to appear on August 21st.

GOOD LUCK
TO ALL
AND KEEP
UP THE
GOOD
WORK!

MORNINGSIDE FORMS A "PARK COUNCIL"

By Wendy Edwards

Two new feature parks have recently been added to our neighborhood thanks to the combined efforts of the MorningSide Board of Directors and U-Snap Bac, the Non-Profit Housing Corporation responsible for the new housing within our community.

Despite our efforts to keep the parks beautiful, vandals continue to deface

play equipment and rob the parks of plant material.

To combat this issue, Wendy Edwards, the MorningSide Executive Director has decided to form a "Park Council". Wendy, who is also a *certified Master Gardener*, holds the parks near and dear and urges others to get involved.

HELP SAVE OUR PARKS

The New MorningSide Gateway Park
(located at the corner of Mack & Alter Rd.)

&

Morningside Commons Garden Park
(located at Alter Rd. & Waveney)

If you are interested in joining the MorningSide Park Council please contact the MorningSide office at (313) 881-4704.

MorningSide Hires a NEW Executive Director

From the desk of ...Wendy Edwards

Greetings MorningSide Residents:

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Executive Director of the MorningSide Community Organization.

Since being hired in May, I have been working tirelessly on behalf of the organization to carryout the mission of the board of directors.

I am committed , both personally and professionally to public service and dedicated to improving the overall quality of life in our com-

munity. I will continue to reach out to residents, business owners and other organizations interested in partnering with us to reach our goals and objectives.

Please wish me well in my quest for building awareness and fostering good citizenship in our residents both old and young alike.

Respectfully Yours,

Wendalin M. Edwards, Executive Director



MorningSide Participates in the 1st Annual American Cancer Society's "RELAY FOR LIFE" at Balduck Park

by Wendy Edwards

As the signature event of the American Cancer Society, **Relay for Life** is a 24 hour celebration of life for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost and a rally for the community to fight cancer.

This year, despite some resistance from another Community Group, the ACS held it's 1st ever Annual Relay for Life at Balduck Park.

The MorningSide Community Organization participated in the 12 hour event which was held on

Saturday June 26th from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm.

Our team "The Pride of MorningSide", headed up by team captain Vernita Glenn, was awarded the **2004 BEST TEAM SPIRIT AWARD**, and raised a total of 1,500 dollars to help fight cancer in our community.

Event organizer Violet Ramsey, says "*with the support of the community next years event will be bigger and better than ever!*"



MorningSide Executive Director Wendy Edwards with Board Member Larry Polk at the ACS Relay for Life at Balduck Park



RELAY FOR LIFE PHOTO GALLERY

RELAY PARTICIPANTS TAKE A WELL DESERVED BREAK DURING THE ACS LUMINARIA CEREMONY.

Pictured from left to right:
 Lorraine Black - Resident, Vernita Glenn - Secretary,
 Napoleon Wright - President &
 Phyllis Bales - 2nd Vice-President



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MORNINGSIDE URGES **ALL RESIDENTS TO VOTE**

MUCH IS AT STAKE IN OUR COMMUNITY

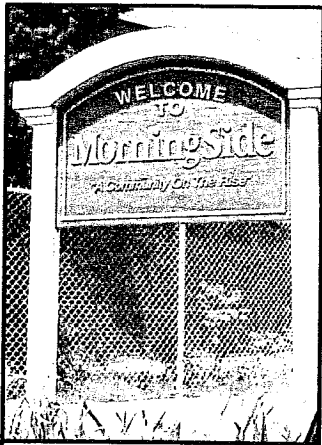
**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD
IN THE AUGUST PRIMARY AND
IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Important Election Information:

The last day to register to vote in any election is...
(30 days before the designated election day)

Register and VOTE in the 2004 November Primary
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Help Us Build a Better Community!



One of the 6 markers that bound and identify the MorningSide Community

MORNINGSIDE... A COMMUNITY ON THE RISE

MorningSide is one of the oldest organizations of the eastside of Detroit, originally founded in 1978 under the name of Neighbors East Area Residents (N.E.A.R.). Our boundaries are Alter Road, I-94, East Outer Drive and Mack Avenue. This area encompasses over 4,500 homes!

In addition to monthly meetings, we celebrate our commitment to community beautification. Each year we host the Beautification Awards & Ceremony in honor of people and their homes recognizing their brilliant

examples of the splendor that *MorningSide* represents. We want to increase the curbside appeal throughout *MorningSide*. We also want to increase positive participation by all members of our community.

The beautification awards are one avenue for us to make contact with our community and keep open the lines of communication. We would love to have ten times the people at our general membership meetings to positively participate.

The beautification award's program intent is to help stimulate additional community resident involvement.

Sincerely,
Robert Mason
2003 Beautification Chair
MorningSide Community Organization

*We invite you to come out
and share the concerns
you have about
our community:*

**Every First Tuesday
of the Month @ 7:00pm**
**Christ United
Methodist Church**
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