
MorningSide News

A Community on the 'Rise'

Third Quarter 2005

Workshops Aim To Bolster MorningSide Block Clubs

The MorningSide Community Organization recently held the second in a series of workshops aimed at starting new block clubs and helping established clubs grow.

The second block club workshop, held in June, featured an in-depth presentation from Detroit's Northeast Neighborhood City Hall Manager Iva Patterson. Patterson delivered a step-by-step lesson on organizing clubs, as well as an overview of services and resources available to residents looking to unite with their neighbors to make their blocks cleaner and safer.

Representatives from United Way for Southeastern Michigan were on hand to talk about free Internet tools the organization is making available to residents interested in setting up websites and online communities.

United Way has already established an online community for Three Mile Drive. A link to the community is included on the MorningSide website, www.our-morningside.org.

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New Volunteer Welcomed

Residents looking for help through the MorningSide office now have an additional contact to lend a hand.

Volunteer Betty Pryor Lake will answer telephones and assist with various MorningSide committee work.

The MorningSide office will be staffed part-time. Residents can reach the office by calling 313.881.4704.

Residents, Businesses Needed

MorningSide is looking for residents interested in lending their talents to the organization as board members, committee members, block club liaisons, advertisers and general volunteers.

If you have the time and resources to lend to the organization, contact the MorningSide office at 313.881.4704.

Volunteers are needed to help with staffing committees, compiling and distributing the newsletter, planning and organizing fundraisers and other activities.

Mall Helps Recycling

A collection bin for recyclables will be available the fourth Saturday of each month at the shopping mall located at the intersection of Warren and Conner avenues.

The collection point will be located at the west end of the parking lot, and should be open every fourth Saturday, with the exception of holidays.

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The recycling project will allow MorningSide residents to recycle newspapers, bags, magazines and other paper goods, along with plastics, cans and clear glass.

Plastic and glass items should be clean prior to dropping them off

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The lively discussion gave residents a chance to ask questions from those who have been successful.

MorningSide is at a critical juncture in its history, and the workshops are intended as a way for residents to collectively rally to save their blocks from decline. The workshops are scheduled to be held quarterly, with the next event slated for the fall. Check www.our-morningside.org for updates.

Additional materials are available at Northeast City Hall, 13303 Six Mile Road. Call 313.345.1060 for additional information.

Paws for Pets

A number of dogs in our community are chained in yards with no shelter. With the cold season quickly approaching, this is of severe concern. An "outside" dog should have a doghouse big enough to allow the animal to stand, stretch and turn around, but not too large. A large house allows too much air to circulate, and the dog's body heat escapes, bringing on chills and potential frostbite.

A small dog cannot stay warm in a house that is too large, so accommodations should be made to provide a shelter comparable to the pet's size.

When winter arrives, place straw in the doghouse to provide added warmth. You may also try placing a leather flap or other covering over the door to protect against frosty breezes and moisture.

When the temperature falls below 20 degrees, bring your dog inside.

- Mary Anne Pillette

Heilmann Pool Now Open

Grab your swimsuit and come on down to Heilmann.

After a massive renovation, Heilmann Recreation Center has a brand new pool, and the facility is open to the public Monday through Friday.

Swim instructor George Blackmon offers lessons for adults and children.

Exercise programs include a water aerobics class and a program for seniors. There are several open swim sessions as well. Call 313.852.4431 more for information.

General Meeting Schedule

Held the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church (E. Warren at Buckingham).

The Executive Board meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., at the MorningSide office, 15820 E. Warren Ave., 313.881.4704.

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