

# MORNINGSIDER

The Official Newsletter of Morningside



Rendering of Morningside Cafe - coffee, entertainment space coming to East Warren.

## New businesses are on the horizon for Morningside

Report by Jeffrey D. Lewis II - Morningside Community Association

Detroit – For the first time in quite a while new development is finding its way back to one of Detroit's former premiere neighborhoods. In this east side community of Morningside, there's a buzz unlike any before that residents are not only starting to feel, but more importantly can see.

Along the community's main commercial corridor, East Warren was once the home to a bevy of small businesses that made it a delight for those living in the community to patronize within their own backyard.

From a selection of dry cleaners, and laundromats at hand, to a medical clinic and dine-in restaurants, and even a somewhat decent food grocer, the key amenities that made life so much easier was right there at your fingertips. Unfortunately, the impact of the foreclosure crisis of the mid to late 2000s left a community devastated with the exodus of many longtime homeowners, as well as business owners who could no longer burden the rapid changes. Story continued on page 3...

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## East Riverfront framework wins prestigious urban design award

By Robin Runyan | Curbed Detroit

Almost two years ago, the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy released an extensive plan for Detroit’s east riverfront, including more public space, more greenways, and redevelopment of old warehouses. Developed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM); the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy; the City of Detroit Planning & Development Department; and the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, the plan was a hit with the public.

Now it’s gained national design recognition. The framework has received the 2019 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design, an award that recognizes the best in urban design, regional and city planning, and community development. It’s one of four U.S. projects to receive the award this year; the other recipients are the Pike Place MarketFront in Seattle, Shelby Farms Park in Memphis, and the Infra-Space Initiative in Boston.

“The Detroit East Riverfront Framework Plan has given the city a strong and equitable set of principles that frame an international riverfront that can be accessed and enjoyed by all,” said Maurice Cox, director of planning and development for the City of Detroit. “We’re proud of this recognition from the AIA, and our continued collaboration with SOM, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, and the stakeholders and communities working together to make a better Detroit.”

Since the plan was announced in 2017, bike lanes have been added to Jefferson Avenue, work has started on Atwater Beach, and an announcement (but no groundbreaking) has been made for the redevelopment of the Stone Soap Building.

The Detroit RiverFront Conservancy says that the State of Michigan is working on a six-acre expansion of Milliken Park, and work will start this fall on extending the bike path along the Uniroyal Site, which will connect the Riverwalk to Belle Isle. Work is expected to start this spring on upgrading the Joseph Campau Greenway, which will make it easier for residents to access the Riverfront.



The future Atwater Street—public space on the water, development across the street | Courtesy of DRFC and SOM

## New businesses are on the horizon in Morningside

For the residents who remained through the community's toughest moments will finally be able to recognize a commercial corridor of East Warren that made them proud to be a resident of Morningside.

Within just a few short months, the need to travel to downtown Detroit or the outer suburbs for some of your basic needs will diminish greatly. Flamz Pizzeria, a dine-in and carryout restaurant specializing in woodfired style pizza will be opening in a few short weeks at 16369 E. Warren.



Flamz Pizzeria - woodfired pizza restaurant, the first of its kind for Morningside.

Terri's Cakes Detroit, a bakery specializing in custom-made cakes and cupcakes, for all occasions will be opening their brick and mortar store at 16311 E. Warren this Spring.

The closure of Hammertime True Value in 2017 left a major void for the needs of lawn maintenance and basic home repair, but with the East Warren Tool Library soon to open as a resource for tool rental and home repair education courses will minimize the need to drive east on I-94 to one of the two major hardware big box stores. Continued on page 4...



The East Warren Tool Library will be operated by non-profit Motor City Grounds Crew and powered by Restorin' East Warren.

## Morningside Community Meetings

Our general community meetings are the first Saturday of every month from 12-2 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 11475 E. Outer Drive. If you live in the boundaries of I-94 to Mack, Alter to E. Outer Drive, you're automatically a member of our great community. We hope to see you soon!

## Future Road Projects

The Wayne County Commission received the list of road projects in Wayne County for the upcoming 2019 road repair season. Here is what is on the list for the eastside:

I. Chandler Park. Dr. between Alter and Dickerson. This is a \$1.5 million resurfacing to begin in April 2019.

II. Moross between Mack and I-94. This is a \$250,000 project that falls in between a full resurfacing and just filling potholes. There will be sections of the road to replace as well as of the maintenance. Slated for August 2019.

III. Mack Ave. between Cadieux and Alter. This is the same type of project as Moross. There are a few smaller sections, (along the curbs, for instance) that need more than filling potholes and short of a resurfacing. This \$150,000 project is slated for August 2019.

## Vineyards Coming to Morningside in May!

Get ready Morningside, vineyards are on the way! The newly formed collaborative, Detroit Vineyards (DV) will be planting 663 vines of Marquette (Hybrid Red Wine) on 3/4 of vacant land on Beaconsfield and Mack.

This project is geared towards giving Detroiters the opportunity to have an active role within their community through collaboration and education.

The planting will take place on May 18th, 2019 at 9 a.m. This family-fun event will provide barbeque, bounce houses, face painting and more! For more information or interested in volunteering, please contact Thomas Roberts at (313) 702-4401



## Morningside Community Fundraiser @ Buffalo Wild Wings

**A great cause and some great food!**

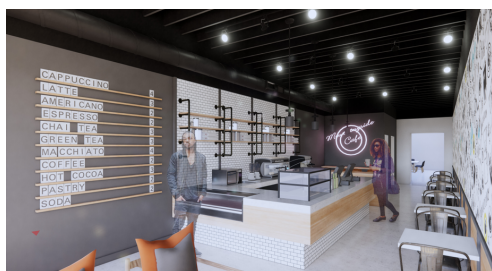
All friends, family and supporters of the Morningside community are invited to participate in our fundraising event on Saturday, March 10th, 2019 at the Buffalo Wild Wings, 23117 Harper Avenue in St. Clair Shores, MI.

20% of all purchases (Lunch, Dinner, or Snack) will be donated back to the Morningside Community Association. Please be sure to either present your certificate or mention the Morningside Community Fundraiser to your server to receive the 20% donation. The fundraiser is valid for the entire day.

For more information, please contact Buffalo Wild Wings at (586) 777-9464  
\*Valid towards Dine-In and Carry-Out. Not valid towards gift card purchases.

### New businesses are on the horizon for Morningside this Spring

Morningside Cafe will be located next to Flamz Pizzeria and is preparing for a late Spring opening. The menu is currently being finalized, but you can expect the likes of coffee, smoothies, tea, baked goods, and sandwiches to be served. The space will also operate as a entertainment and community space that will host open mic nights, live music performances, community enrichment workshops and more. Its going to be a great year for East Warren and Morningside!



Morningside Cafe - Design by Hamilton Anderson



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## Tomato and Roasted Red Bell Pepper Soup Recipe

American Heart Association



Try this vibrant vegetable soup using seasonal vegetables.

Ingredients:

14.5 oz. canned, no-salt-added, diced tomatoes (undrained)

1 3/4 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth

1/2 cup chopped, roasted red bell peppers, drained if bottled

1 Tbsp. dried basil (crumbled)

1/2 tsp. dried oregano (crumbled)

1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

2 tsp. olive oil (extra virgin preferred)

1/4 tsp. sugar

1/8 tsp. salt

1/4 cup chopped, fresh parsley

Serves 6

Enjoy!