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A makeshift memorial and mural dedicated to the life of George Floyd. Photograph by Kerum Yucel, AFP/Getty

Can I Live?... No More Hashtags for my fallen Brothers and Sisters

By Jeffrey D. Lewis II | Morningside Community Organization

Detroit — The hashtags associated with the names of Ahmad Arbury, Breonna Taylor and now George Floyd have unfortunately all become too synonymous for every wrong reason you could possible fathom.

Those names, along with many others represent the many lives of African-American men and women who were all taken away from us by the heinous acts of white men who either wore badges representing law enforcement agencies or regular citizens who felt it was their prerogative to take matters in their own hands.

The entire world has witnessed the horrific video from Monday, May 25th as Mr. Floyd, who was handcuffed and pinned to the pavement by the knee of an officer pleaded for his life as he couldn't breathe.

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Morningside Community Organization Welcomes New Board Members

Morningside Community Organization



Backgrounds of incoming members include Community Organizing, Financial Data Analytics and, Digital Storytelling.

Additions to our At-Large members include: Aaron Smith, Caleb Cook, Charon Nogues, and Nicholas Hall. Our former 2nd Vice President Twiana Odom won her bid for 1st Vice President, while Adrian Green also won his bid for Treasurer.

The remaining one-year term for 2nd Vice President will be filled by Jeffrey D. Lewis II.

The remaining open seat for the At-Large member was awarded to Caleb Cook, as he was the next highest vote getter.

For the first time in quite a while, each seat within our board is occupied. Each member brings a wealth of experience to our organization. We are excited to work together and meet the expectations of our community.

We would be remiss if we didn't take time to thank our previous members, Allyce Smith, Mia White, and Zeldia Anderson.

They all brought a high level of commitment, dedication and energy to our organization that was needed at a pivotal time as our board transition to restoring the pride, and most importantly, the trust of our community. Without you, the strides we have made over the last year wouldn't have been possible and for that, we thank you.

We appreciate your service very much!

Be Counted Detroit 2020!

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Have you completed your Census? Did you know it takes less than 10 minutes to complete?

If you haven't it's a very simple task and all of the information retrieved is confidential.

Participation in the census has never been easier. Go online to my2020census.gov or call the toll free number **844-330-2020** or using the paper form.

An accurate Census count is crucial for Detroit. It will help ensure not only fair political representation in Washington, D.C., and Lansing, but also how much federal funding is sent to the City and the State of Michigan for all sorts of programs, from Medicare and Medicaid, schools and Head Start to highway planning and construction, and nutrition and housing assistance for low-income families.

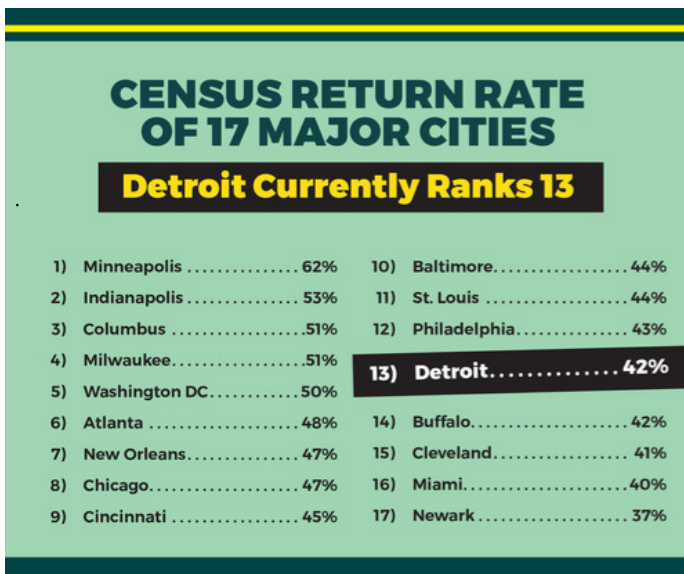
For more information, please visit: <https://detroitmi.gov/census#collapse-vbp-accordion-25541-4>



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Census Response: By Neighborhood	
East English Village	61.9%
Moross-Morang	56.2%
Cornerstone Village	52.9%
Yorkshire Woods/Denby	52.1%
Jefferson Chalmers	48.2%
Morningside	43.0%
Chandler Park/Chandler Park-Chalmers	42.0%
LaSalle College Park/Gratiot-Findlay	40.8%
Outer Drive-Hayes	40.3%
Eden Gardens	40.1%
Fox Creek	35.5%
Wade/Ravendale	35.1%
West End	34.4%
Mapleridge	33.4%
Riverbend	32.3%

Census Response Rates by Council District as of May 29, 2020. Let's get to work Morningside! Image courtesy of the City of Detroit.



The City of Detroit currently ranks number 13 among major U.S. cities. Image courtesy of the City of Detroit.

Next Bulk Trash/Yard Waste Pickup

- June 11th & 25th
- July 9th

To receive text reminders, just text your address to **(313) 800-7905**.

Can I Live?... No More Hashtags for my fallen Brothers and Sisters

The pleas of "Please, please, please, I can't breathe," have left me with overwhelming emotions of anger, pain, and rage. The last few days I have asked myself over and over, "how can these acts continue to happen to us?"

It is said that history has a way of repeating itself, sadly, it's true. It wasn't all that long ago that the very same statement "I Can't Breathe" was expressed by another black man as he pleaded for his life while in the hands of a white police officer.

On July 17, 2014, in Staten Island, New York, the words "I Can't Breathe" were echoed by 43-year-old Eric Garner who had an arm wrapped around his neck by former NYPD officer Daniel Pantaleo as he brought Garner to the ground. Pantaleo, along with several other officers pressed their weight onto Garner as his chest was compressed against the pavement resulting in Eric Garner suffering a fatal asthma attack.

The techniques used by the officers who killed both George Floyd and Eric Garner are banned methods within their respective departments.

Systemic Racism and police brutality against African Americans is something that has affected our community for generations. More times than not when we have expressed our displeasure against these injustices and the lack of fair opportunities, we're either ignored or receive pushback that we are over-exaggerating.

The tragic murder of George Floyd on May 25th validates everything we have ever expressed. It's painful that it took such a vile act for white America to realize what we been trying to get so many to understand forever.

To my white counterparts, I hope you realize that now, more than any other time in this country's history, you have a real responsibility to uphold. If you accept this challenge, you will be a part of the solution that will help heal the plague of the injustices and racism towards black and brown people in America.

If you are fully committed to this cause, hopefully George Floyd will be the last black man to ever have his name attached to the ill-fated hashtag of fallen African American men and women.



Protesters walking in solidarity for change in the wake of the murder of George Floyd along Woodward Avenue. Image courtesy of Jim West



Gianna Floyd, 6, daughter of George Floyd sits atop the shoulders of friend and former NBA star, Stephen Jackson. Image courtesy of Instagram/@skrptz

2020-2021 Morningside Street Ambassadors

Morningside Community Organization

Whether you live on Alter Rd., Outer Drive, or anywhere in between in Morningside, you are represented.

Each member of our Board of Directors is responsible for two streets throughout our community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is an issue on your street that needs to be addressed.

Your street ambassador will help you find resources for your problem.

Below are the names of each board member, phone numbers, and their respective streets they are ambassadors for:

Twiana Odom - **(313) 808-3493**
Berkshire St. & Somerset Ave.

Jeffrey D. Lewis II - **(313) 522-1982**
Balfour Rd. & Maryland St.

Adrian L. Green - **(313) 399-8014**
East Outer Dr. & Whittier Ave.

Susan Newell - **(313) 587-5484**
Three Mile Dr. & Chatsworth St.

Nicholas Hall - **(815) 354-2092**
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Vaughn Arrington - **(313) 804-8472**
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Buckingham & Wayburn St.

Charon Nogues - **(562) 895-9399**
Nottingham Rd. & Beaconsfield St.

Aaron Smith - **(313) 757-2672**
Barham St. & Lakepointe St.

Caleb Cook - **(313) 269-9037**
Bedford Rd. & Devonshire Rd.

Morningside + Gleaners Food Distribution

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The Morningside/ Gleaners food distributions are held at The Craft Cafe, 15641 E. Warren Ave. the second Monday of every month.

The staging area is located in the rear of the Craft facing Balfour. The setup is intended to operate as if it's a drive thru making it easier to access goods and creating a swifter motion to serve as many families in a timely manner as possible.

The next food distribution will be Monday, June 8th at 10 a.m.

For anyone interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Twiana Odom at (313) 808-3493. Text message is preferred.

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