



# MORNINGSIDER

*The Official Newsletter of MorningSide*



The corner of Haverhill and Cornwall is being transformed into the Emerald Gardens MorningSide. Image courtesy of Emerald Isles CDC

## Rebuilding Detroit One Vacant Lot at a Time

Gary Gray | Contributing Writer

Detroit — On May 22nd, Emerald Isles Community Development Corporation (Emerald Isles CDC) hosted its second annual Motor City Makeover, and it was a resounding success. We had a small army of volunteers which enabled us to clean up the yards of the two vacant houses that border the gardens. They were young and not so young and came from near and far.

A few political candidates showed up to help. Latisha Johnson pitched in to clean up one of the yards. M. L. Elrick sent a team of volunteers. Toson Knight brought some refreshments, and Anthony Adams and Scotty Boman ate them. MorningSide officials Eric Dueweke (President), Twiana Odom (1st Vice President), Sharon Gray (Secretary), and Andrew "AJ" White (Director) also showed up to support the cause.

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**East Warren Streetscape Design Has Been Chosen**

Jeffrey D. Lewis II | The Morningsider



Mayor Mike Duggan presents the East Warren Streetscape design to the public. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

After many months of dialogue among community members and planning officials from the city of Detroit, the redesigning of the East Warren corridor appears to have a concrete plan in place.

The design plans for the East Warren streetscape project was unveiled to members of the Cornerstone, East English Village, and MorningSide communities at the Mack Athletic Complex on May 26th.

The kickoff presentation to the public was led by Mayor Mike Duggan, city officials, and planners involved on the project. A total of five design plans were presented to those in attendance.

Some of the designs consisted of converting the streetscape back to its original format of five traffic lanes, a dedicated median, and a widened sidewalk on the north side of the street.

The selected design will feature a floating curb, widened sidewalks for cafe seating, secluded bike lanes, and plants on both sides of the corridor.

This design will make the corridor more pedestrian-friendly and calm traffic tremendously. The streetscape design will begin at Three Mile Drive and conclude at Cadieux road. Construction will launch in Spring 2022.

For more information on the streetscape plan, please visit: <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/planning-and-development-department/neighborhood-plans/east-design-region/east-warren-cadieux-neighborhood-plan>

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Jeffrey D. Lewis II, 2nd VP of MCO, Urban Planner, Editor in Chief of The Morningsider, Owner of Morningside Cafe



## Community Service Brings Many Benefits — A Message from the President

Eric Dueweke | Contributing Writer



MCO members Nic Hall and AJ White lend a hand in the Motor City Makeover at the Grassroots Garden. Image courtesy of Eric Dueweke

A big thank-you is in order for all the volunteers who came out to support the annual Motor City Makeover by participating in MorningSide events on May 22. As you can see in the photo, the payback can sometimes be instant! Our MCO board members Nic Hall and AJ White discovered a \$50 and a \$20 bill while cleaning up at the Grassroots Garden at Wayburn and East Warren.

Other cleanup activities that day included efforts by the Courville Block Club led by Jackie Grant, improvements at the Emerald Isles garden on Haverhill led by Gary and Sharon Gray, and work at the Brilliant Detroit house on Balfour thanks to Twiana and Rakisha Odom and Charon Nogues. Our GP neighbor Carol Wilson continued to help maintain the MorningSide Gateway at the corner of Alter and Mack. Many other volunteers too numerous to mention pitched in to help at one or more of these sites. And District 4 City Council candidates Latisha Johnson, Toson Knight and M.L. Elrick visited and/or sent their supporters to help at some of our locations.

Spreading our MorningSide volunteers over several sites this year seemed to bring more success and impact than picking just one Makeover location for our organization. The MCO covers a larger area than most Detroit neighborhood groups. Over 190 blocks are within our boundaries of Alter Road to Outer Drive from Harper and Mack. Many block clubs and community-based nonprofit groups operate within MorningSide and we should attempt to support and foster as many as we can. This will allow residents and even outside volunteers to donate their time to whatever good works they feel passionate about.

Please share any good work that is happening—or needs to happen—on your block. Send an email to [morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com](mailto:morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com). I hope to see you in person at upcoming neighborhood events and meetings this summer.

With respect for all,

Eric Dueweke

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*Eric Dueweke, MCO President, a 30-year resident of MorningSide and an active member of U- SNAP BAC for 25 years*

## Artist Jake Dwyer Completes Mural at Three Mile Park

Nicolas Hall | The Morningsider



Artist Jake Dwyer is putting the finishing touches on The People of MorningSide mural. Image courtesy of Jim West

Late last year Detroit-artist Jake Dwyer was selected by the Morningside community to create a mural commissioned by the city of Detroit and its City Walls program. And now, as of June 1st, Morningside has a beautiful, new mural gracing the grounds of the Three Mile Park!

I caught up with Jake after he wrapped up the mural and we talked about the neighborhood, art influences, and his experience creating the mural. Check out his answers below.

**NH: What neighborhood do you live in? How does it compare to Morningside?**

JD: I live in the Core City neighborhood, and it's very different from Morningside. There are more empty lots, and the architecture is not as timeless. It's close to Wayne State and Downtown, so it remains active despite the lack of density. I live on a nearly empty block, which I kind of enjoy because I have a huge yard, lots of shade, and a couple pheasants on the lot.

**NH: Can you describe the mural? Does it have a title? What visual elements did you feature?**

JD: The mural is titled 'The People of Morningside'. The people are composed in a big central mass, and depicts children and adults in activities that I felt were relevant to the community at large, and the park specifically. They include music/art, education, coaching/mentorship, reading, gardening, exercising, cycling, and parenting. I rendered it by applying dynamic symmetry to the panel, sketching in the figures, and then improvising over the top of those two elements to create a graphic composition that walks the line between abstraction and figurative painting. My influences are cubism, stained glass, contemporary graffiti, Mexican muralism, and Renaissance painting.

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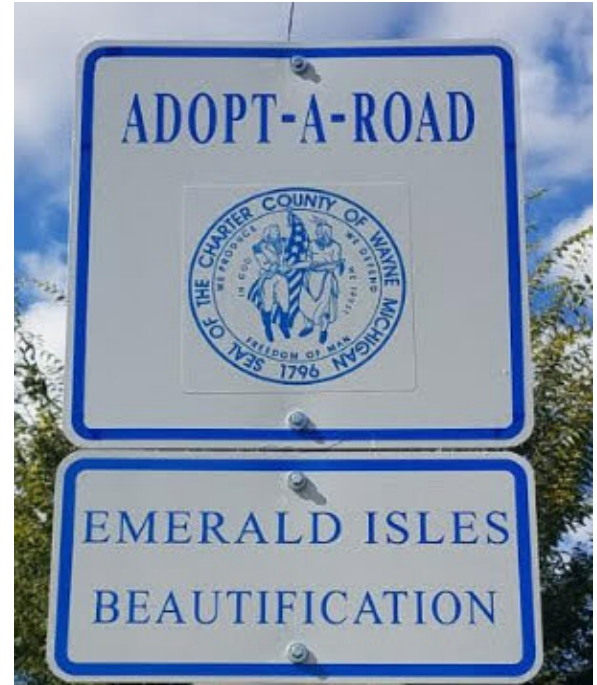
## Continued... Rebuilding Detroit One Vacant Lot at a Time

You may wonder, "Why would a Black man, raised in the inner city of Detroit, start a non-profit organization and name it Emerald Isles? Moreover, why would he become an urban farmer so late in life? All excellent questions. Would you believe me if I told you that my ancestors immigrated from Ireland, where they were potato farmers, and changed their name from O'Grady to Gray? Well, actually, they didn't, but now that I have your attention, let me tell you a little about how and why I started Emerald Isles CDC.

In the summer of 2019, while walking my dog Sam in the medians of East Outer Drive (a Wayne County road). I imagined how nice it would be if the medians were lush and green with vegetation like those along the Moross Greenway. I shared my vision with my friend and neighbor, Latisha Johnson. She offered to introduce me to our Wayne County Commissioner, Tim Killeen. I was pleasantly surprised when Latisha and I arrived at the meeting. Commissioner Killeen had invited Ms. Beverly Watts, Mr. William Bantom, and Mr. Andrew Kandreas executives from the Wayne County Roads and the Wayne County Executive's Office. To make a long story short, they liked my pitch and referred me to an operative to work out the details. Unfortunately, due to the cost of permits, architectural renderings, and engineer certifications, the startup costs were too high. I settled for adopting a mile stretch of East Outer Drive from Mack Avenue to Chandler Park Drive. The Adopt-A-Road program requires a commitment to pick up debris from the medians three times a year. [Our inaugural cleanup was in the fall of 2019, and Latisha was one of the first to volunteer.](#) If you would like to [volunteer](#), our 2021 dates are the first Saturday in May, August, and October, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We meet at the Jefferson Branch Library, located at 12350 East Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48224.

That fall, I also established a non-profit corporation to raise the required funds to pursue my vision to beautify the medians. I named the organization Emerald Isles Community Development Corporation. Emerald represents the sustainable and beautiful green plants that I envision beautifying the medians (isles) throughout our community and one day the entire city. I expanded the vision to include other neglected spaces, such as the 40,000 vacant lots and houses owned by the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DBLA), many of which are in our community. Our vision is "To build community by transforming neglected spaces into beautiful and productive places." So now you know how Emerald Isles CDC got its name. Your life is now complete.

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The Emerald Isles CDC adopted a mile stretch of Wayne County road East Outer Drive. Image courtesy of Emerald Isles CDC



Emerald Isles CDC volunteers picking up trash along the medians of East Outer Drive. Image courtesy of Emerald Isles CDC



## Continued... Rebuilding Detroit One Vacant Lot at a Time

In May of 2020, we purchased four vacant lots at Haverhill and Cornwall streets, where we established Emerald Gardens MorningSide. This USDA registered urban farm includes:

- A sweet cherry tree orchard
- A market garden
- A natural habitat for pollinators (and people)

The outpouring of support from the community has been tremendous. [Family, friends, and nearby neighbors have helped us clean the lots and plant over 500 native plants that attract butterflies, birds, bees, and people.](#) Cheryl English, Advanced Master Gardener and owner of Black Cat Pottery, helped me select the native plants. Detroit Future City provided most of the funding and technical assistance. Impact Detroit funded four redbud trees. The Greening of Detroit provided volunteers and donated four large Hawthorn trees that they planted as well. Last but not least, the City of Detroit planted four white flowering crabapple trees in the berms on Cornwall and will soon plant four shade trees in the berms on Haverhill. The city also replaced several damaged sidewalk slabs, making it a safer and much more attractive environment.



Before: The condition of the sidewalk and berm was a hazard for pedestrians. Image courtesy of Emerald Isles CDC



After: The installation of a new sidewalk and a clean berm no longer presents a dangerous path for pedestrians. Image courtesy of Emerald Isles CDC

This summer, we will collaborate with the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) and Bethany Lutheran Church to address food insecurity in our community. We have hired a Summer AmeriCorps Member to assist Bethany Lutheran Church with its bi-monthly food pantry and to help us establish the market garden. The produce from the market garden is intended to be sold at farmers' markets. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are dedicating the garden to the community. We will share the produce with volunteers and people in the community who need fresh, nutritious food. We will also host a [Lunch & Learn to Garden](#) on Wednesdays during June and July.



Freshly planted trees in Emerald Gardens. Image courtesy of Emerald Isles CDC

We are pleased to serve the people of this beautiful community, and we look forward to doing so for many years to come.

Be well and stay safe,

Gary Gray

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*Gary Gray, a long-time MorningSide resident and semi-retired Medicare Insurance Advisor. He served as president of MCO in the early 1990s.*

## Continued... Artist Jake Dwyer Completes Mural at Three Mile Park



Artist Jake Dwyer adding the finishing touches to The People of MorningSide mural. Image courtesy of Scot Ferguson

NH: How was your experience producing the mural? How many days were you in the neighborhood? Did neighbors stop by and ask questions?

JD: I spent about 5 days on the mural. During the week it was pretty quiet, but I did speak briefly with a couple of folks who were using the park. On Friday evening as I was wrapping up, there was a birthday party forming and I had a great conversation with a person whose father is a stained-glass artist. Some folks from the party took a group photo in front of the painting so it felt like a success at that moment.



Neighbors posing for a photo next to the newly painted mural, The People of MorningSide. Image courtesy of Jake Dwyer

NH: Anything else you want to say?

JD: Thanks for trusting me to represent your community.

*A big thank you goes out to Jake Dwyer and the City Wall program. Stayed tuned for an upcoming event at Three Mile Park to celebrate this beautiful addition to our neighborhood.*

*Nicolas Hall, At-Large MCO board member, works for the Blue Oval Company and loves to ride his bike throughout Morningside.*



## Meet the New Board of MorningSide Community Organization

[Susan Newell](#) | The Morningsider

MCO held its annual board elections last month. Board officers serve two-year terms with staggered elections. This year we elected a President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary. At-Large Directors serve one-year terms. Here are brief profiles of each of the board members serving our community.

**Eric Dueweke** is MCO's newly-elected President, but he's certainly not new to MorningSide or to community work. Eric has served multiple terms on the MorningSide board over the past 24 years, including one term as MCO President in the late 1990s. He's also President of the board of U-SNAP-BAC, and has worked with Friends of the Alger Theater, Warren/Conner Development Coalition, Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD), and the Three Mile Block Club.

Since retiring recently from his position as lecturer in urban and regional planning at University of Michigan, Eric looks forward to using those years of experience and expertise to the benefit of our community. His top priorities include unifying residents – “I respect everyone's point of view and can usually bring folks to a consensus” – as well as cracking down on vacant property owners, giving more attention to the western half of MorningSide, (from Buckingham to Alter), and working more closely with other community groups in our area.

**Twiana Odom**, 1st Vice President of MCO, has served on our board for the past two years and is already well known to many Morningsiders. It was her initiative and leadership that got the MorningSide/Gleaners food distribution started three years ago. But that's just one of the many neighborhood projects she's involved in.

Twiana has knocked on hundreds of doors in MorningSide and Cornerstone as part of a Quicken Loans campaign to let residents know about property tax exemptions. She continues to help with property tax foreclosure prevention counseling through the Friends of the Alger Theater, where she also serves on their board. In addition, Twiana is on the Advisory Board of Brilliant Detroit, working on community health education programs for kids, and helping organize Brilliant Detroit's gardening program.

Somehow Twiana still manages to find time to rehab the home she bought last year on Balfour and show her art work at various community events throughout the city.

Twiana's priority for MCO over the next year is “to increase communication throughout our community. Even if people aren't coming to our meetings, it's important for them to find out what's going on.”

**Jeffrey D. Lewis II** is beginning his second term as MCO's 2nd Vice President. Residents may know him best as Editor-in-Chief of our organization's monthly newsletter, which strives to get people involved, keep residents informed, and market our neighborhood. Jeff proudly describes The Morningsider as “one of the hottest news publications in the city.”

In addition to his journalistic skills, Jeff brings to the board his expertise in urban planning. He holds a degree in urban planning from Wayne State University.

He's also an entrepreneur, working hard on his passion project – Morningside Café, which he envisions not just as a coffee shop, but as a community gathering place for people to enjoy live music as well. It's been a dream deferred by the inevitable obstacles to getting a new business started, as well as the pandemic. But he remains optimistic. “You have to understand that everything you are working to achieve may not occur over night, the following week, or even a few months down the line, but if you stay committed to putting in the time to accomplish whatever goal you set out, ultimately you will see your goals come to fruition.”

**Sharon Gray**, a resident on Bedford for the past 33 years, brings extensive secretarial experience to her new role as Secretary of the organization. “I saw the need for the office of Secretary, and now is a good time for me to be involved in that way,” says Sharon. “I'm willing to put forth the effort and set aside time to do what's necessary to help MCO move forward in establishing a better community.” Her priorities for MorningSide now are “to get more neighbors involved and listen to their concerns.”

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In addition to participating in distribution of food boxes, Sharon has worked with Emerald Isles Community Development Corporation, helping to maintain the median of E. Outer Dr. between Mack and Chandler Park Dr.

When she's not at her job as a Licensed Medicare Agent and Certified Loan Signing Agent/Notary, you may find Sharon walking or biking along the Riverwalk, watching movies, experimenting with vegan dishes, or reading self-help books.

At-Large Director **Briana Mason** brings a new perspective to our board and community. She moved into MorningSide last year but already considers it home. "I'm raising my family here. I want my twin daughters to have pride in their neighborhood and truly know their neighbors."

This concern for community isn't surprising given Briana's professional background. She has a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Michigan University and recently served as an Urban Planner for the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department. While there she helped residents of Russell Woods and Nardin Park create their neighborhood plan. Briana currently works for Enterprise Community Partners as a Program Officer.

Briana says she wants "to be actively involved in keeping MorningSide a beautiful place and reciprocate the love and care that others have shown me."

When **Charon Nogues**, At-Large Director, moved here from Los Angeles several years ago, she came with energy and enthusiasm, working hard to rehab a bare-bones house on Nottingham, getting to know her neighbors, and diving into community work.

Charon now serves on the board of Friends of the Alger Theater, overseeing the marquee messages. She's also on the Brilliant Detroit Advisory Board and their garden crew as well as the Healthlink Advisory Board. As if that weren't enough to keep her busy, Charon is also a regular volunteer with the MorningSide/Gleaners twice-monthly food distribution, as well as a member of the MorningSide Vacant Property Task Force and our new Clean Neighborhood Club.

"I have a lot of experience transforming unappreciated urban space into treasured community assets," she says. "I am 100% dedicated to making the West Side the Best Side of MorningSide!"

At-Large Director **Nic Hall** has spent much of the last year building our organization's online infrastructure – contributing to the newsletter, helping to build and maintain the MorningSide website, email blast system, and the Zoom conferencing that has allowed us to continue regular general meetings throughout the pandemic. "Now it's time to focus on offline infrastructure – our people and places," he says.

Nic has been doing just that over the past year. An avid biker, he helped organize community bike rides touring points of interest in MorningSide, reactivated the MorningSide block captain program, and helped to launch the new Clean Neighborhood Club, which did its first cleanup last month.

"As a relatively new member of the community," Nic says, my role is to listen: to support the people that have been here for decades, to help highlight or amplify the concerns of long-term neighbors. My secondary role is to showcase the neighborhood – to market our community – so new families consider moving in."

**Andrew Joseph "AJ" White**, a new At-Large Director, says he "knows how to get things done," and indeed he does. When he bought his Detroit Land Bank home on Nottingham in 2016, it needed a complete renovation. AJ was able to do it himself, drawing on his 40 years of experience running a construction company specializing in renovating Land Bank houses.

AJ also bought an adjacent lot and turned it into an apple orchard "for a hobby and recreational purposes." Like so many projects, it's been more work than he expected, but he hasn't been deterred by problems like aphids and apple maggots. To get rid of the pests, AJ bought plastic baseballs from the dollar store and painted them with a glue-like red substance to create fake apples that would attract and capture the insects.

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## DTE Planted Grass, Now It's Up to Us!

The Morningsider

If you're a resident of the eastern end of MorningSide, you've had gas lines replaced by DTE. In the process they had to tear up grass, which they replaced recently by putting down grass seed and covering it with straw. In order for the grass to take, residents need to keep the seeds damp, at least until the grass is established. If Mother Nature doesn't oblige, you'll need to keep it watered every day yourself. This is especially important since we have hot weather coming up.

The DTE project will continue throughout the summer until all of MorningSide's gas lines have been replaced.



Grass seeds and straw has been placed to repair lawns throughout the MorningSide. Image courtesy of Susan Newell

## Let's Talk Trash

The Morningsider

Here are your next three bulk trash/yard waste pickup dates:

- June 10th
- June 24th
- July 9th

Don't forget that the **July 9th** pickup is on Friday - one day later than usual due to the **July 4th** holiday.

## Give A Smile, Get A Smile

This months *Give A Smile, Get A Smile* goes to Hahnville High School teacher John Butler in Boutte, Louisiana. Mr. Butler gave his shoes to student Daverius Peters, as he was turned away from his graduation ceremony for wearing the wrong shoes.

We at The Morningsider would like to give a major shoutout to Mr. Butler. He was there to provide an assist for one of the most important moments in a student's life.

Checkout the full story below:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/daverius-peters-john-butler-shoes-louisiana-high-school-graduation/>



John Butler, left, in his socks and Daverius Peters, wearing Butler's shoes. Image courtesy of John Butler



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One of AJ's priorities now is cleaning up his section of MorningSide by starting the "MorningSide Anti-litter Patrol," or MAP, concentrating on Chatsworth and Cornwall. "My endless energies will know no bounds," says AJ, "on programs and policies that put community above individuals."

**Rakisha Odom**, a newly-elected At-Large Director, has been keeping busy these days. She is the Community Engagement Coordinator at Brilliant Detroit MorningSide, a non-profit on Balfour whose mission is to "create kid success neighborhoods" by offering a wide range of services and enrichment programs to families with children ages 0 to 8.

Rakisha is an integral part of all of Brilliant Detroit's programming, including "Brilliant Loves New Moms", which provides baby supplies, breast feeding support, "sister moms", and monthly community baby showers to new mothers in MorningSide. She's also working with Brilliant's gardening team, with the goal of having "a garden on every block" of our neighborhood. And there's also Healthlink, a health education program currently focused on fighting childhood obesity.

Despite all these responsibilities, Rakisha still finds time to volunteer with the MorningSide/Gleaners food distribution twice a month.

In addition to his position as an At-Large Director of MorningSide Community Organization, **Aaron Smith** has served our neighborhood as Executive Director of Motor City Grounds Crew, which he founded in 2010 with a mission "to strengthen Detroit neighborhoods through green space beautification, youth sports activities, and community tool libraries."

Although MCGC's work spans the entire city, Aaron has worked closely with Featherstone Garden on Lakepointe, as well as the East Warren Tool Library. The heavy equipment that MCGC uses has proven invaluable to us for managing blight through activities like neighborhood cleanups and removing dead trees.

"I have a natural affinity with this neighborhood," Aaron says, "because it reminds me so much of the Flint neighborhood where I grew up."

*Susan Newell, retired nurse and resident of MorningSide since 1984. Serves as the Associate Editor of The Morningsider*

## Detroit to Receive \$400 Million. How Should We Spend It?

The Morningsider

Under the new American Rescue Plan, Detroit is slated to receive \$400 million. Mayor Mike Duggan has outlined potential uses for the funds:

- Fighting Intergenerational Poverty
- Neighborhood Investment
- Parks & Recreation, and Cultural assets
- Public Safety
- Closing the Digital Divide
- Small Business support

Now, the City of Detroit wants to hear from residents. Over the month of June, the City is hosting 25 meetings in 25 days for Detroiters to provide their input on how funds should be spent to improve our city.

A virtual meeting for our district will be held on **Tuesday, June 22 from 5-6 p.m. at** <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/93947894155>.

In addition, in-person community meetings will be held all over the city. For a complete schedule of those meetings, and to see Mayor Duggan's presentation on the American Rescue Plan and its impact on Detroit, go to [www.detroitmi.gov/arpa](http://www.detroitmi.gov/arpa).

# Upcoming Events

Presented by The Morningsider

**CHANDLER PARK COMMUNITY ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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For more information and online application, go to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) at:  
<https://ceraapp.michigan.gov/>

Or talk to your local Housing Assessment & Resource Agency at:

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**City announces \$50 million in funds to aid tenants with eviction defense, and rental and utility assistance**



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# Upcoming Events

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JOIN US THIS SUMMER  
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- This year we are excited to bring you
- More local food options including a variety of Food Trucks
  - Local Jewelry and Craft Makers
  - Weekly fitness classes in partnership w Brilliant Detroit
  - Arts activities from Arts and Scraps and ZAB Cultural Collective
  - Live Music in Partnership with Terri's Cakes Detroit
  - And more to come!

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**Parents: Does your child need a safe space to do their school work virtually -- that isn't at home?**

If your child is enrolled in a virtual or hybrid K-5 program, and you need them in a safe, reliable place to sign-on to their school program during the day at a high quality child care center.

**Who should apply:**

- Families with students who currently attend a school that is virtual or running a part-time (hybrid model)
- Families who have a child with a possible health condition that makes attending a larger school setting not possible in this time
- Families with an infant to toddler presently in child care , but a school age child learning virtually at home

To learn more about this School Age Child Care Program, visit [www.CECDetroit.org/soars](http://www.CECDetroit.org/soars) or call 313-217-9005.

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Families can QUALIFY for just a co-pay on TUITION, and students remain enrolled in their current elementary school! Younger siblings may qualify too. Call today. Limited Seats are Available.

## TALK TO US!

### Letter to the Editor

Most professional neighborhood newsletter I've seen by far.

- Mark Rutherford

Thank you! It definitely is the hottest newsletter. Full of great information and amazing summer programming.

- Cynthia Turner

Send your comments to [morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com](mailto:morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com). Letters edited as necessary for space and clarity, will be published each month.

# MorningSide's Finest

## Gleaners / MorningSide Food Distribution Volunteers

*"Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." - Hippocrates*

The second and fourth Monday of every month, families throughout MorningSide and our neighboring east side communities have been able to count on a group of individuals providing nutritious food for those in need.

The Gleaners/ MorningSide food distribution volunteers has been in a staple in our community since 2019. The mission to reduce food insecurity has been led by MCO's 1st Vice President, Twiana Odom and her dedicated team of volunteers.

One of those dedicated volunteers is Maurice "Mo" Mitchell (former at-large MCO board director), who has been considered by Twiana as her "right-hand man" when it comes to the food distributions. "'Mo" has been a consistent presence since its inception. "Mo" handles nearly every task of our food distributions. Our success would not be what it is if it wasn't for him," says Odom.

The Gleaners/MorningSide partnership has been extremely successful as the value of nearly \$400,000 worth of food has been distributed.

To all the volunteers who have lent a helping hand during the blazing heat of the summer sun, to the blistering winds of the winter, your dedication to assuring no one in our community goes hungry deserves to be recognized as being MorningSide's Finest!



The Gleaners / MorningSide Food Distribution Volunteers. Image courtesy of Jim West



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