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Detroit City Council candidates for District 4. From left to right: Toson Knight, Ken Snapp, ML Elrick, Latisha Johnson, Daivon Reeder, Ane Boumani, and Virgil Smith Sr. Photo collage courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

Meet the District 4 City Council Candidates

Susan Newell | The Morningsider

Detroit — On August 3, MorningSiders will have the opportunity to vote in the non-partisan primary for the person we want to serve as our District 4 representative on City Council. The top two winners will face off again in the November general election. Absentee voting has already begun.

We reached out to each candidate through their campaign websites, asking them to answer four questions. All the candidates, with the exception of ML Elrick, sent us their responses, which you can read here. History and our current political climate have shown us that we cannot and should not take this right and responsibility lightly. We encourage you to find out as much as you can about each candidate so that you can make an informed decision about who would best represent our interests.

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Information on 2 water-related crises impacting Morningside

Eric Dueweke | Contributing Writer



The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Image courtesy of Joshua Lott, Getty Images

This information accurate as of July 1st.

We want to provide the latest information available on the two water-related crises that have impacted our community over the past couple of weeks. Neither of these two separate events affected every Morningside home, but many neighbors were hit with a double whammy.

Brown Drinking Water

According to the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), as of early this afternoon July 1, the “brown water” coming from our taps has been flushed from the system, and we have the [all-clear to resume using our drinking water](#). As described in their info sheet, residents who had brown water should:

- open all your cold-water faucets starting in the basement, let water run until clear plus another 5-10 minutes
- turn off faucets in the same order you turned them on
- call 313-267-8000 if your water is still rusty

Basement Flooding & Backup

With regard to the basement flooding that most Morningside residents experienced last weekend, Mayor Duggan held a press conference this afternoon that answered 4 major questions:

- What should I do if I have standing water in my basement? — Nobody should have standing water in their basement at this point. If you do, call 313-267-8000 to schedule a DWSD crew to come out to your house.
- What if I need help getting debris out of my basement? — Volunteer teams have been organized by the City to help seniors and others unable to remove their debris. Call 313-267-8000 if you need help with large-item removal. If you want to volunteer to help in cleanup efforts in MorningSide or another neighborhood, [go to the following link and fill out the form](#). You should be contacted within 24 hours with the dates when volunteers will visit MorningSide.

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Proposal P: City Charter Revisions Spark Heated Debate

The Morningsider | Bridge Detroit



The Spirit of Detroit. Image courtesy of Jim West

For three years the Detroit Charter Revision Commission has been holding public meetings and receiving citizen input to draft a new city charter, which mandates how Detroit government functions. The end result of these efforts may be on the August 3 ballot as Proposal P.

Proponents of Proposal P, which include a number of activist grassroots organizations, say that it embeds “fundamental human and civil rights into the charter.” Opponents, including Mayor Duggan and Gov. Whitmer, say the proposed new charter would bankrupt the city. They want the Michigan Supreme Court to take it off the ballot.

If you’ve already received an absentee ballot with Proposal P on it, you can vote for or against the new charter, but that vote may not be counted, depending on what the court decides.

The article below, reprinted from the online magazine www.bridgedetroit.com, should help you understand the controversy and decide what you think about these important changes to our city charter.

The legally embattled Proposal P would reshape the way the City of Detroit’s government operates, according to an independent analysis by the [Citizens Research Council of Michigan](#).

Related: [Freedom ain’t free: A look at Detroit’s proposed City Charter changes](#)

While Mayor Mike Duggan’s administration says the proposed changes would bankrupt Detroit’s government, the nonpartisan analysis by the Citizens Research Council says it’s too soon to determine the real cost of the measure.

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Here is the list of candidates, along with links to their websites:

Anemashaun (Ane) Boumani – <https://electanebomani.com/>

Daivon Reeder – <https://www.daivonreeder.com>

Kenneth Snapp – <https://www.ksnapp.com>

Latisha Johnson – <https://latishajohnson.com>

ML Elrick – <https://www.ml4detroit.com>

Toson Knight – <https://www.electtosonknight.com>

Virgil Smith, Sr. – <https://www.virgilsmith4detroit.com>

If you could change one thing about how Detroit's government operates, what would that be, and how would that change benefit MorningSide residents?

AB: The state representatives need to push legislation that would require police officers live in the city, reinstate the citizen patrols which would reduce crime and benefits the MorningSide residents.

DR: One thing I would change about how Detroit's government operates, I would put more power in the residents hands. For far too long important political decisions have been made behind closed doors. I would work to change this to ensure that residents are included in the decisions that impact them. This impacts MorningSide residents because they will be able to have input on the decisions that impact them most, resulting in higher chances of more benefits for them.

KS: If I could change one thing about how Detroit's government operates it would be how as a city tackle community engagement. I believe that we lack proper communication with our citizens. The way I envision fixing this dilemma, is by creating an interactive tool for resident input and feedback. The tool would push the city and communities like MorningSide, towards a more progressive stance with community outreach. We have to engage the surrounding communities in various levels of government. Too often folks don't know what recent laws have been passed or are up for discussion.

LJ: Create greater transparencies so residents thoroughly understand who is responsible for different areas of government and departments. It will help MorningSide residents hold elected officials and department heads accountable for their respective areas.

TK: The one thing I would change is the city's infrastructure. The recent flood and sewer backup we had just proved that our infrastructure is weak and it's the residents who pay for it in the long run. I talked with many community members and was devastated to learn that not only did they lose valuables and keepsakes, but they must also replace and repair their furnace, furniture, and more. As a council member I will advocate for more money to be allocated for infrastructure needs.

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Daivon Reeder. Image courtesy of Davion Reeder



Ken Snapp. Image courtesy of Ken Snapp

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For now, Detroiters will vote on Proposal P on Aug. 3. That could change. The Michigan Supreme Court is still reviewing whether to rule on earlier decisions by lower courts to take it off the ballot.

Proposal P would revise the City's Charter. A municipality's charter is comparable to its constitution. It defines the organization, powers and procedures of the local government. Read the current City Charter [here](#).

The nine-member Detroit Charter Revision Commission, elected in November 2018, held over 200 formal and informal community meetings and conversations in the past three years to review the City Charter.

A major break with the past

The commission produced a revised charter that represents a major break with the past in its scope and breadth of changes, according to the CRC. The nonpartisan nonprofit specializes in analyzing policy issues that state and local governments face. It studied the 151-page proposed charter revisions, making it one of the few neutral analyses of Proposal P. You can read the proposed revised charter [here](#).

The proposal has some underlying themes, or principles, said Eric Luper, CRC president.

"This was a body of people, at least a majority of them, who felt that there are two Detroits," Luper said, referring to the charter commission. "Downtown, Midtown — certain parts are doing well. But the neighborhoods, the general population, aren't enjoying that prosperity."

To address that imbalance, the revised charter advocates more than 100 changes to address everything from crumbling sidewalks, water shutoffs and a citywide recycling program, to affordable housing measures, immigration rights and City contract procedures. Here are some of the key proposed changes:

Creates 120 newly elected or appointed positions in City government.

The main way the revised charter would attempt to address Detroit's imbalances is to get more Detroiters involved in local government. Many new positions would be part of commissions that would work with directors of City departments that would carry out various policies. "A number of commissions would work hand-in-hand with directors of different City departments," Luper said.

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- **When will the debris in front of my house be picked up?** —The City has added 43 bulk pickup trucks and crews from City and private vendors who will be picking up flood debris every day — including Monday, July 5 — until the job is done. We don't know when crews will be in MorningSide next, though we are one of the eastside neighborhoods being prioritized. The key is getting your bulk out on the curb in front of your house as soon as possible. It's very important that **no vehicles are parked in front of the bulk pickup piles**. Your house may be skipped if there's a car in the way.
- **What is the process to get financial help to cover my losses?** —The Mayor is counting on getting Federal disaster relief money through FEMA. That declaration by President Biden has not yet happened. An assessment team from FEMA is scheduled to arrive in Detroit next Thursday. But the first step to getting any federal reimbursement for your losses is to [fill out a City of Detroit claim form by clicking here](#) or call 313-267-8000. It is very important to keep receipts for any paid clean up work and especially to take photos of all ruined items. You can even take the photos when the debris is out on the curb. **YOU MUST FILE YOUR CLAIM FORM BY AUGUST 10, 2021.**

We encourage residents to join the [Morningside Facebook Group](#) to look for up-to-date info and tips from fellow MorningSiders. We hope to have City representatives present at our in-person July membership meeting on Tuesday, July 13, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held outdoors at the Three Mile-Munich Park.

Eric Dueweke, MCO President, a 31-year resident of MorningSide and a lifelong Eastsider.

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VS: Safety is the highest priority, I believe the Detroit Police Department has to become more of a community policing unit based on positive interactions, partnerships with community neighborhood organizations, and develop a more shared problem solving system, such as the Green Light Program. At the end of the day residents want/need to feel safe in their environment. Our Police Department has the Neighborhood Police Officer's Unit. Their stated goal is to "bring officers and residents together to create safer communities". My goal is to work with our Police Department to grow, expand, and incorporate this philosophy into the social mission of our Police Department. MorningSide residents will know their Neighborhood Police Officer.

What are your feelings overall about the proposed revisions to the city charter (Proposal P)? Do you have any thoughts about how particular elements of the proposed new charter would help or harm MorningSiders?

AB: In 2019, I attended most of the in-person meetings and recently on zoom, submitting ideas to improve the city charter. As a member of the Detroit Affordable Housing Task Force, we submitted wording for an AMI (Area median Income) to decrease the cost of housing in Detroit. I think that all the proposals are P for Positive to help the residents of MorningSiders. The negative TV ads has not influenced my opinion of proposal P.

DR: I feel like Proposal P is an important change that has taken place and is being pushed throughout the city of Detroit. The elements that I am particularly in support of are the elements about the program for overassessed residents and the element that covers water affordability. Both of these elements would help not only MorningSide residents, but all residents of Detroit.

KS: My feelings overall about Proposal P are that we desperately need to address the issues that the revisions are designed to fix. We need to develop free public broadband internet. We need to change police practices, policies, and training requirements; but invest into the officers who have cried out for help in regards to mental health. Give residents amnesty for water and sewer fees; and grant tax credit for residents who show proof of overassessed property taxes. If the proposed revisions are truly to help the people in those areas, it would help MorningSiders.

LJ: Although very intense discussions took place to develop the revisions, residents were given the opportunity to be involved throughout the process. It's admirable that the proposed charter revisions are looking to address the needs of residents throughout the city, as is the responsibility of elected officials. It is City Council's responsibility to implement the charter in a fiscal manner.

The Bill of Rights essentially ensures everyone has access to the basic necessities of life. It supports neighborhood stability, affordability and enforcement of basic quality of life issues that support physical, mental and emotional security of its residents.

Responsible contracting supports hiring Detroiters and paying contractors for their skills when contracting services for the city. It will provide a livable wage to more Detroit residents.

Additional boards and commissions will give more residents the ability to be involved in local government and represent the voice of the community.



Latisha Johnson. Image courtesy of Latisha Johnson

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TK: I do not support the Charter revisions in full. There are some great ideas in the proposed charter that I believe should be addressed by the city council; such as broadband access and water affordability. The city has stated this would cost 2 billion dollars to implement the changes in this charter. I believe voters would be hesitant to support a proposal that would voluntarily put the city into bankruptcy. Even more concerning is the fact that residents could face another blow to their pensions. I do support certain aspects of the revisions, but I cannot support the proposed revisions to the city charter as it is written.

VS: The State of Michigan allows municipalities to govern themselves through the Michigan Home Rule City Act. The voters, in the City of Detroit, decided in 2017 that the City Charter needed to be revised. My feelings or thoughts are, first and foremost, the people, not the courts, need to be the ultimate and final decision makers. There are numerous changes and additions to the document that are being proposed. I encourage everyone to read the proposed charter revisions.

As to would the proposed changes and additions help or harm “MorningSiders”, my answer is, I don’t believe the proposed changes would hurt the MorningSide neighborhood or any neighborhood in Detroit.

This document has the potential to be the governing document over our City. It’s a fascinating read. It will add new layers and in my opinion gives voters more oversight over various City functions. Again, I would encourage everyone to read the document for themselves.

If you are elected, how can MorningSide residents best work with your office to get action on everyday issues in our neighborhood?

AB: I will have an open door policy for all MorningSide Residents and we all work together to develop the right action plan to improve the quality of life for Morningside. My Community Liaison and I will assist the District Managers, working closely with MorningSide residents to resolve their everyday issues.

DR: I plan on having weekly conversations with communities across District 4 to be able to solve and hear all of the issues residents are having. My office will have an open door policy for all residents to connect. I am the candidate residents can reach and will remain that way to strengthen our community.

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Toson Knight. Image courtesy of Toson Knight



Virgil Smith Sr. Image courtesy of Virgil Smith Sr.

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A number of issues would be addressed:

- Improve public transportation, including reducing fares for lower-income residents, students, seniors and veterans.
- Examine affordable housing issues and create a new definition of “average median income” based on Detroiters income. Currently, AMI levels are set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Set up a moratorium on water shutoffs to residences and establish water rates based on income.
- Improve public broadband access.
- Create a task force to examine “reparations and African-American justice.”
- Examine City contract procedures in an effort to hire more Detroiters.
- Form an immigrant and refugees commission.
- Develop a comprehensive environmental health policy.

The CRC doesn't determine whether the approach will work or fail, but passage would certainly add “extra cogs” in City government, Lupher said.

Dilute the “strong mayor” form of Detroit city government

Detroit has long had what's known as a “strong mayor” form of government. It means the mayor is the chief executive officer, centralizing executive power. The existing charter gives the mayor a large degree of control and responsibility. “This dilutes that power,” mainly through the new commissions and other positions, Lupher said.

Major police change

“They don't use the term ‘defund the police,’ but there are certain elements of change, and you can sort of read between the lines,” regarding the measures regarding Detroit police, Lupher said.

There are changes regarding qualified immunity, a legal status that protects a government official from lawsuits. The revised charter also calls for more public databases regarding police conduct, more transparent reviews to City Council and the Mayor, more restrictive use of surveillance technology, and annual psychological exams for officers.

What is the real cost?

The fiscal impact of the proposed charter is hotly contested. The CRC finds that it's too soon to determine the real cost because it's unknown how the City would enact the potential changes.

In April, the Duggan administration released a “fiscal impact study” declaring the changes would bankrupt the City, costing as much as \$2 billion over four years. The City estimates the charter changes would cost \$488 million in the first year, about half Detroit's current annual budget. The projections are similar for the next couple years, with the charter requiring 46-47 percent of anticipated revenue. “We would be on the road to a second bankruptcy,” according to [the City study](#).

“Our take is the mayor's office really focused on what would be the worst-case scenario,” Lupher said.

The Charter Revision Commission came up with its own independent analysis from Michigan State University, which says the new policies would cost only \$7 million a year. Read that analysis [here](#). The MSU study “really took the best-case scenario,” Lupher said. “The truth lies somewhere in between.”

Louis Aguilar is BridgeDetroit's senior reporter. He covered business and development for the Detroit News, and is a former reporter for the Washington Post.

Gleaners / MorningSide Food Distribution

The Gleaners/ Morningside food distributions are held at **The Craft Cafe, 15641 E. Warren Ave.**, at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month.

The next food distribution will be held on **Monday, July 26th**. For anyone interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Twiana Odom at **(313) 808-3493**. Text message is preferred.

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KS: Once elected, MorningSide residents will have access to our office through new and improved tools. I will ensure to create a new community engagement tool that engages residents and escalates issues to top priority. Also neighborhood coalitions will be established to help with all community benefit agreements. We have input from our residents in order to implement effective change.

LJ: We will have three community liaisons to stay connected within the community to know about areas of concern to be able to address and hold the departments accountable to address issues within a timely manner. Residents will be able to communicate via online, call, text or visit the office to express their concerns. Residents can also expect to share their concerns with our office at their neighborhood meeting or the District 4 Community Advisory Council meetings.

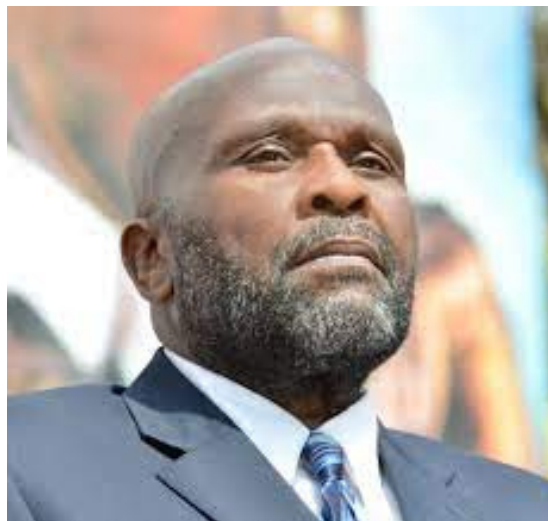
TK: When working as a Deputy District manager, I always made myself available to residents via meetings, emails, phone calls and more. I will continue to meet with block clubs, neighborhood associations and have community ambassadors work in my office. My team and I will respond to complaints in a timely manner. I believe in getting things done and making sure residents' voices are heard.

VS: The legislative branch is the 1st branch of government. It is the duty of the legislative branch to ensure that government operates with effectiveness. I will have a community liaison dedicated to working for and with the MorningSide Community. Unresponsiveness will not be tolerated.

What do you see as the proper balance between development of Detroit's downtown and the revitalization of our neighborhoods?

AB: As you know MorningSide residents have been ignored, because of the wrong city councilperson. This current administration has put more emphasis and development in downtown, while neglecting the revitalization of the neighborhoods. As your councilperson, I will make sure we will have the proper balance between the neighborhoods first and downtown development second.

The MorningSide community deserves the right city councilmember that will be their voice at the table. Ane Bomani is the Right Candidate for City Council that will work for YOU!



Ane Boumani. Image courtesy of Ane Boumani

DR: In order to create a proper balance between development of downtown Detroit and our neighborhoods, we need to ensure that we prioritize the neighborhoods that have been neglected for years. Before we can begin to balance the development we first need to take care of Detroiters before revitalizing downtown for those who do not invest in our communities. In order to build up all of Detroit, we need to ensure that we build up Detroit for the residents that have been here for generations.

KS: Money, time, resources, and attention is the proper balance between downtown and the revitalization of our neighborhoods. As our district councilman, I will advocate for allocations of dollars to be spent in our area. I will advocate for the construction of a state of the art recreational center. I will propose a new blight removal plan that can be adopted by the city and help beautify our area. We have to have a progressive leader who will reach out to businesses and investors. We have to come up with new ideas and a new approach for the district.

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LJ: Considering majority of the attention has been focused on revitalizing downtown, it's time for the neighborhoods to receive that same level of attention to rebuild robust neighborhoods. Downtown is at a point where the interest in opening a business no longer requires tax abatements to attract businesses. We can now focus 80% of our attention on investing within the neighborhoods along with the commercial corridors.

TK: I am excited to see the development in Downtown Detroit and enjoy visiting. As council member I will work to make sure our business corridors are developed in District 4. Our residents should have access to safe, clean businesses right in their neighborhoods. It is also imperative that we deal with issues in our neighborhood; such as blight, crime, and more. In order to balance the two, there must be an equal investment of time, money, and effort.

VS: A thriving city has to have a prospering Central Business District (CBD) but flourishing neighborhoods should not come at the expense of a successful CBD. A thriving city has to have both. But as your elected legislative representative at the City's Council Table, it's my job to deliver for MorningSide. The 4th Council District does not include the CBD.

Good luck to all the candidates vying the Detroit City Council District 4 seat. Remember, the primary election is as important as the general election in November.

We encourage all registered voters to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, August 3rd.

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

Let's Talk Trash

The Morningsider

After last month's flood, there may not be anything left to throw out! But just in case, here are our next three bulk trash pickup days:

July 22, August 5, and August 19

Don't forget, you can report problems like bulk trash or Courville dumpsters left out on the curb at the wrong time through www.seeclickfix.com or the Improve Detroit app on your phone.

Give A Smile, Get A Smile

This month's *Give A Smile, Get A Smile* goes to Detroit-based mens clothier, Hot Sam's. The mens retailer recently celebrated its 100th year of being in business on Saturday, July 10.

Congratulations to Hot Sam's on this amazing accomplishment. One year in business isn't an easy task by any means, but doing it for 100 years, obviously you have done something right.

To another 100 years of keeping many of Detroit's finest clean and dapper.



Hot Sam's Marketing Director Lauren Stovall, Co-owners Tony Stovall and Cliff G. Green. Image courtesy of Kimberly P. Mitchell, Detroit Free Press

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Meeting ID: 867 8945 0636



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Morningside Food Distribution!

DATE AND TIME:

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- First & second Monday's Atlas food distribution
- Second & fourth Monday Gleaners food distribution

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- 5027 Balfour Street • Detroit, MI 48224 • In the parking lot of the Craft Cafe.
- To ensure we follow Covid-19 safety precautions, please arrive with your trunks open.

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About Brilliant Detroit:

Brilliant Detroit works with neighbors to build kid success families and neighborhoods, where neighbors with children ages 0-8 have what they need to be school-ready, healthy, and self-sufficient. We work block by block with families and community as essential partners in developing our young children's future.

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Letter to the Editor

Bravo/Brava to the staff and all of your writers. What a beautifully done, informative, rich newsletter. IMO Morningside is one of the (if not the most) most interesting and exciting neighborhoods in Detroit.

- Susan Rutherford

Send your comments to morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com. Letters edited as necessary for space and clarity, will be published each month.

MorningSide's Finest

Derek Wilder

Ranking amongst the top 100 players in the state means one thing: you're the real deal.

Derek Wilder is definitely the real deal when it comes to the game of chess as he is one of Michigan's top ranked chess players. Derek's love for the game of chess started right here in MorningSide at J.E. Clark Preparatory Academy (Formerly Clark Elementary) while he was in the 4th grade learning from his chess teacher, Ms. Turner.

Derek's chess skills would only evolve once he arrived as a student at Finney High School. It was there that chess teacher and school librarian, Dr. Grahams, would take Derek's game from good to great.

"Dr. Grahams influence helped my game evolve tremendously," says Wilder. Dr. Grahams taught students at several Detroit Public Schools which included, McNair, Hamilton, and Stellwagon (Now Ronald Brown Academy).

Today, Derek is the chess coach at both the Detroit City Chess Club and the award winning DPSCD (Detroit Public Schools Community District), Chrysler Elementary. It's with Derek's guidance and intellect, that his team are the back-to-back Michigan state champions.

Derek receives much joy from the kids who come through his program at Chrysler. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, his team still carried on with their regular schedule of matches and tournaments as they transition to a virtual format for the students to continue competing regularly and keeping their skills sharpened. "The kids love the competition that the game brings and they enjoyed the spotlight that it provides even more. Chess has been a valuable asset for many of our children as it teaches critical thinking skills, they learn how to navigate by plotting and planning, and they are able to apply the tactics of the game to real life situations," says Wilder.

Anytime someone is passing down knowledge they have received and it's positively impacting the lives of our youth, you have to acknowledge those individuals. Derek Wilder is doing that by giving back to our youth here in MorningSide and throughout the city of Detroit daily and that deserves a major applause. Keep up the good work Derek, we appreciate you!



Derek Wilder. Image courtesy of Derek Wilder

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