



# MORNINGSIDER

*The Official Newsletter of MorningSide*



Rendering of the Cornwall Corridor Community Project. Image courtesy of Charon and Gaston Nogues

## Cornwall Corridor Community Project – a New Vision for West MorningSide

Charon Nogues | Contributing Writer

Detroit — I lived in Detroit in the mid-1980's before moving to East Los Angeles. When I moved back here in 2017, I fell in love with MorningSide, and so did my husband Gaston. We were both active in the arts community in LA. He's an artist who worked with large-scale sculptural installations, and I have experience in community building through a non-profit cultural arts center. We decided to put together our skills and experience to serve our adopted community.

Over the next year, we aim to collaborate with other residents and organizations to build a much-needed creative space for community gathering and contemplation, bringing together art, construction, education, horticulture, and gardening to elevate our neighborhood.

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**Brilliant Detroit Grand Opening Wednesday, August 18th**

**The Morningsider**



**This sitting room will be a quiet space for one-on-one conversations and consultations with new moms and babies. Image courtesy of Susan Newell**

It's been years in the making, but despite slowdowns and setbacks – bureaucratic red tape, COVID restrictions, and flooding – Brilliant Detroit is finally able to welcome the community into its beautifully renovated house at 5050 Balfour on Wednesday, August 18 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Residents will be amazed at the transformation that Brilliant Detroit, in partnership with Detroit Creative Design Collective (DCDC), has created. Starting with a Land Bank house that had been totally obscured by trees, shrubs, and weeds, they have created a beautifully furnished home sure to create more than a little “house envy.” To celebrate the opening there will be face painting, a train for kids, games, free food samples, and information tables with community and health resources.

The Brilliant Detroit house will be the perfect setting in which to fulfill their mission of creating “kid success neighborhoods.” It will be a community meeting space hosting a variety of programs, including tutoring, arts and crafts, physical activities like Zumba and yoga, resources for new moms, GED classes, and help for people seeking jobs.

Residents are encouraged to stop by and check out this wonderful new asset to our neighborhood. But be forewarned – you may want to move in!

## Friends of the Alger Has Ambitious Plans

Susan Newell | The Morningsider

Friends of the Alger Theater is taking on some big challenges over the next few months. Recreating a movie theater and community gathering space from a building that has been vacant for decades isn't easy, but Jackie Grant, recent past President of Morning Side Community Organization and current President of Friends of the Alger, is optimistic – and determined.

“The board developed three goals shortly after I joined it,” says Jackie, “to install an elevator, to put in an ADA-compliant bathroom, and to get a new roof.” All three are required to get a Certificate of Occupancy, which they will need before the theater can be fully open to the public. And the need for a new roof became urgent after the recent flooding in our neighborhood. “We got six feet of water in the basement during the flood,” she says. Adding these improvements to get the theater open will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

That's the bad news. The good news is that the Alger has recently signed a CBA (Community Benefits Agreement) with 9200 Cadieux LLC, a medical marijuana dispensary, which should provide a steady income stream. And after receiving donations from several large corporations, as well as money from on-line fundraising, they will have almost enough to pay for the lift and ADA-bathroom. Jackie believes they will have also enough financial stability soon to obtain a loan for the new roof.

Even though Friends of the Alger isn't able to provide onsite programs yet, Jackie has found ways to work with other non-profits, especially those serving youth. “Young people are our future,” she says. The photos displayed in the windows of the storefront next to the Alger, which will be there until September 1, were created by young people working with [Capturing Belief](#), a non-profit serving kids ages 11-19, which encourages them to “embrace their natural curiosity and embark on a journey of self-discovery” through photography and creative writing.

In September, the Alger will collaborate with [Mint Artists Guild](#), a non-profit which also works with youth, but with a greater focus on teaching entrepreneurial skills and practical applications of the arts. Their plan is to create artistic displays in the windows of businesses near the Alger, eventually moving west.

Despite setbacks Friends of the Alger has experienced over the years, there's reason for new optimism.



The storefront windows at the Alger highlights the artwork of Detroit's talented youth. Image courtesy of Jim West

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

## Continued... Cornwall Corridor Community Project – a New Vision for West MorningSide

A key feature of this project is a three-block long planting of corn and perennial native wildflowers on the berms of Cornwall Street between Somerset St. and Barham St. - a literal "Corn Wall on Cornwall". Each Detroit Land Bank lot that runs along Cornwall on both sides will be part of the project.

The idea for the corn wall came from a couple of sources. One was a conversation with our Beaconsfield neighbor Gino. He drove by one day with his little Jack Russel when I was out in the garden. Gino mentioned that he had planned on planting a corn gate around his boats and various vehicles to conceal them. He offered me the corn seed because he felt like he was never going to get to it, so he planted the seed of the idea in me.

I was also inspired by [Not A Cornfield](#), a living sculpture in the form of a cornfield created by LA artist Lauren Bon.

We planted the early corn a wee bit late this year, but the corn has sprouted, and we are giving it tender loving care. The Corn Wall will be a little sparse and wimpy this year, as the soil needs to be regenerated, and that takes time. We pulled out and sifted a lot of nasty stuff out of the Cornwall berms this spring and summer. Cleaning up the decades of neglect involves removing many layers of trash and broken glass. It's a big job with lots of surprises; we've even discovered curbs and sewer drains below the street sod.



The removal of sod along the curbside on Cornwall St. Image courtesy of Charon and Gaston Nogues

One of the amazing things about corn, though, is that it helps to detoxify the soil. By next spring, soil testing will be completed, and we'll be starting earlier, planting in heavily mulched, well prepped soil. Next fall we'll host a harvest celebration and serve up our non-GMO corn to the community. And look forward to finding your way through a corn maze we'll be planting on Barham at Cornwall!

Gaston aims to run a front-end loader borrowed from Motor City Grounds Crew up and down Cornwall and surrounding sidewalks for the sake of safety and curb appeal. We are determined to slow down speeders and stop trash dumpers with diligent surveillance, homemade signs made by our kids, and awe-inspiring beauty.

Other projects we envision for the next year or so include a:

- Movie projection screen and activity area at 4800 Nottingham
- "Municipal Bat Roost" to help with the mosquitos
- "Pollinator Queendom" home for bees with hives and egg nesting boxes
- "Bird Metropolis" to provide nesting opportunities and food to native birds.
- "Mushroom Cultivation House" built out of recycled glass bottles.
- Fruit trees that include native paw paws - the "Michigan banana"
- A large greenhouse and outdoor planter beds with medicinal herbs and more
- A stress relieving multi-age swing-set we call "The Rejuvenator"
- Shaded areas with picnic tables and barbecue pits for family gatherings.

This entire project is a collaboration with Keep Growing Detroit, which has furnished seedlings, seeds and so much support each season; self-healing wisdom and learning from the incredible Lottie Spady of Earthseed Detroit; MorningSide's new Brilliant Detroit house at 5050 Balfour; Motor City Grounds Crew; East Warren Tool Library; the Detroit Land Bank Authority, and our beloved neighbors.

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We wish to demonstrate how we can create an inclusive heavenly paradise here in Detroit for very little money and a whole lot of love and sweat equity. How lucky we are!

Volunteers are more than welcome. Get in on the ground floor of an exciting MorningSide revitalization project! Drop by at 4706 Nottingham Rd. at Cornwall and say hi, or give me a call at (562) 895-9399.

Even if you don't have a lot of time to volunteer, if you have any colorful or interesting glass bottles, I'd love to have them for the mushroom cultivation house I'm building.



Rendering of the Faux Bois/Stick Work fencing. Image courtesy of Charon and Gaston Nogues

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*Charon Nogues, At-Large board member of MCO, sits on the Advisory Board of Brilliant Detroit, and board member of the nonprofit, Friends of the Alger Theater*

## East Warren Cadieux Plan Enters New Phase The Morningsider

Six canvassers in Alger Theater T-shirts will be knocking on doors in MorningSide, East English Village, and Cornerstone over the next couple of months to talk to residents about the East Warren Cadieux Plan (EWCP).

As we've reported previously in The Morningsider, the EWCP is a strategic plan to revitalize these three neighborhoods through streetscaping, commercial development, housing stabilization, and park renovations. Residents approved a master plan in June, following a series of community meetings over the past year and a half. Implementation is slated to begin early next year.

In the meantime, developers want to drill down a bit to determine more specifics of residents' opinions about development of the East Warren corridor. For example, how do you feel about mixed-use development (i.e. combining commercial and residential spaces?) What do you want to see in public spaces?

The survey is a collaborative project of Invest Detroit, East Warren Development Corporation, and the Alger Theater, which will oversee the canvassing. If you want to be sure that community development reflects your needs and desires, please welcome these outreach workers when they come to your door.



Canvassers posing in front of the Alger Theater. Image courtesy of Jackie Grant

## A word from St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School

Greetings Morningside Community. This is a super exciting time of growth in the City of Detroit. That growth is happening not in just downtown and midtown, but is happening in all our local little neighborhoods too. Morningside is inclusive in this growth.

St. Clare of Montefalco has been present in the Morningside Community servicing children since 1926. The school and church have maintained a Gospel presence in the neighborhoods that surround it through all the different ups and downs which have occurred over the years. Many children in the Morningside neighborhood attended St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School. My children grew up in East English Village, attended this school, and many of their friends attended St. Clare and lived in Morningside. Now, I find myself the principal of this beautiful learning community.

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School is known for its diversity and inclusion of servicing children from different ethnicities, religions, and races. Our identity is about creating a culture of love, support, and spirituality that makes the St. Clare of Montefalco students have a strong sense of belonging. This identity stays with our children, our Falcons, for life.

Please visit our school website at [www.stclareschool.net](http://www.stclareschool.net) to explore our identity further. Check out our school's Facebook page: [facebook.com/stclarefalcons](https://facebook.com/stclarefalcons). You will discover beyond academics (in person and virtual) and spiritual guidance St. Clare of Montefalco School stresses the importance of community service and has a strong, renowned sports program.

I encourage you to consider having your child/children come join us and become part of our identity as Falcons too. I look forward to sharing the good news from the school in each one of your newsletters. Children from your community attending the school will be highlighted.

May God's blessing be with you,

Ms. Ann K. Crowley

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*Ann K. Crowley, Educator/Principal of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School*



**Ann K. Crowley, Principal of St. Clare of Montefalco.** Image courtesy of Ann K. Crowley

## Understanding Why Detroit Floods – And Why It Keeps Happening

**Louis Aguilar** | Bridge Detroit

Last month's flooding disrupted everyone's life to some degree, and residents want to know why it happened, and how we can prevent it from happening again. In this article published July 14, Louis Aguilar, a reporter for the online news publication BridgeDetroit, offers some insight into this complex problem. As you'll see, the solution requires action from the community level to the federal government - sooner rather than later.

Thousands of Detroit residents, businesses, churches, nonprofits, libraries and others will likely need months to recover from the disastrous flooding caused by record rainfall two weeks ago and aging water infrastructure.

Related:

- [Reimbursement remains unclear for Detroit's flood victims](#)
- [13 days after flooding, Detroiters still want help – and answers](#)
- [Three Detroit artists share what they lost in the flood](#)
- [Detroiters demand solutions after massive flooding](#)

It was the second time a so-called 100-year rain event occurred in the past decade. The last time was August 2014. Heavy rains in metro Detroit have caused massive flooding in homes, streets and freeways at least four times since 2016.

The unprecedented amounts of rain are overwhelming an aging public infrastructure. "We clearly can't go on like this," said William Shuster, chair of Wayne State University's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. "The infrastructure was built for a different time and place, and that's changed. We are not keeping up."

To understand the challenges that the region faces, here are various studies, surveys and recent media interviews that provide facts and analysis.

### Where Detroit tends to flood

This [survey](#), which should be released by the end of July by Wayne State University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, shows which parts of the city — from Jefferson Chalmers, on the east side, to Aviation Subdivision on the west — have dealt with recurrent flooding since 2012.

Among 4,667 Detroit households surveyed between 2012 and 2020, 46 percent have dealt with flooding. There is a map showing which areas are more at risk of flooding — and it is strikingly similar to the current maps released by the City showing the hardest hit areas in the current disaster. The map doesn't name neighborhoods, but shows clusters of streets on the west side, the northeast and lower east side that are prone to flooding.

The report describes the physical and emotional impact many residents deal with long after the water recedes. There's also a resource guide for various agencies that can provide assistance.



The City shared this map at a press event on June 28 of Detroit homes impacted by flooding. Since the rain, the Detroit Water and Sewage Department has received more than 75,000 calls about flood and sewage problems. (City of Detroit slide)

Federal investment in the region's infrastructure went from 60 percent in the 1970s to 10 percent by 2014, according to this [June report](#) by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The figures refer to the seven-county region that includes Detroit. That's one of the startling figures of how much public investment has dried up over the years, and how much more is needed now and the immediate future, according to SEMCOG. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer blames climate change and has renewed her push for infrastructure funding. "Now we are seeing the cost of not fixing it," Whitmer said at a recent press conference on an empty stretch of I-94 that was closed due to flooding. "It would be overly simplistic to use one-time dollars, because this is an ongoing problem."

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## MCO Board Gets a Little Bigger

### The Morningsider

The MorningSide board recently welcomed back Adrian L. Green as its Treasurer.

Adrian is no stranger to civic engagement. He's an officer of Greater Christ Baptist Church of Detroit, a past Grand Master of Michigan Prince Hall Masons, and belongs to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Michigan Democratic Party, and the Detroit NAACP.

After 25 years in the court system and working for the Michigan Department of Corrections in various positions in probation and parole, Adrian now serves as a Dean of School Climate and Culture for the Detroit Public Schools Community District. He and Veronica, his wife of 26 years, have lived in MorningSide for over ten years.

Adrian's priorities for MorningSide include "vigorous enforcement of ordinances related to the cleanliness of our parks and commercial corridors. I'd like to see the business owners and gas station operators held accountable to keep their storefronts free of debris, oil, trash, overgrown grass, etc. I'd also like to see vacant and/or abandoned homes rehabilitated for needy families or torn down if they are deemed uninhabitable. Finally, I'd like to see more MorningSiders invest in solar energy to power their homes."

Adrian doesn't just preach about the importance of solar power. He's an "early adopter," and recently had solar panels installed on his own home on E. Outer Drive.



MCO Treasurer, Adrian L. Green. Image courtesy of Marcel Banks

## Gleaners / MorningSide Food Distribution

### The Morningsider

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, August 23rd**. For anyone interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Twiana Odom at (313) 808-3493. Text message is preferred.



A variety of food perishables. Image courtesy of Gleaners / MorningSide Food Distribution



## Continued... Understanding Why Detroit Floods – And Why It Keeps Happening

The region needs \$5 billion annually to get its water and transportation infrastructure up to “good/fair” conditions, SEMCOG estimates. The report examines the aging state of many key components, such as public sewer pipes and water service lines to homes. “Much of the infrastructure is reaching the end of its useful life,” said Kelly Karll, who analyzes the area’s infrastructure system for SEMCOG, a regional planning organization.

Upgrades are planned. The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) estimates spending an average of \$334 million a year on a total 169 projects over the next five years, according to its [capital improvement plan](#) released in December. The authority services Detroit and other southeast Michigan communities, including Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, among others.

The GLWA was created in fall 2014 due to Detroit’s bankruptcy. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) focuses on the water and sewer systems within the city. This [website](#) provides a list of projects it plans for various facilities.

### Suburbs versus Detroit tensions

During the record rainfall, two pumping stations on the east side had electrical problems that interrupted the power supply at the facilities. The Conner Creek Pump Station and the Freud Pump Station move water downstream from Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Farms. Those communities were slammed by flooding.

That caused Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller to call for an inquiry into the operation of the Conner Creek station on Detroit’s east side. The facility had similar issues during storms in 2014 and 2016. GLWA, which operates the pumping station, will conduct an independent investigation.

The issue has raised long-standing tensions between Detroit and its neighboring suburbs. Russ Bellant, a retired engineer who worked for years at DWSD, said the incident reveals how the suburbs remain too dependent on Detroit’s aging facilities. Macomb and Oakland counties need to upgrade suburban infrastructures to prevent too much water and sewage flowing into Detroit, he said.

“On the east side, the Detroit-owned sewerage system has flow from Oxford, Rochester Hills and Macomb Township that competes for space at Detroit facilities that serve residents of the lower east side,” Bellant said. “And those Detroit residents are losing,” because the flooding ends up in their neighborhoods.

The same thing is happening on the west side with sewage from western Wayne County and Novi and parts of Oakland county that go through Dearborn and end up at the wastewater treatment plant in Detroit, Bellant contends. “Again, these sewers are filled with sanitary flow and rainwater by the time they get into Dearborn and Detroit, and they cannot handle the local load,” Bellant said.

Bellant had a [sharp exchange](#) with Miller about this issue on the local Fox News program “Let It Rip.” “We don’t have clean hands in this,” Miller said. “We neglected our infrastructure for years” in Macomb County. She pointed out that work has already begun by the two counties on a multimillion facility that will reduce flow into Detroit. Miller also pointed out that the county has struggled to get state and federal support for its projects.

Bellant may have a point, but analysts and officials say there is plenty of blame to go around.

“It’s nobody’s fault in particular; we have a huge and expanding service area,” said Wayne State’s Shuster. “Regional cooperation is the way forward. Let’s focus on that opportunity.

“This is an equal opportunity disruptor, destroyer of health, property and morale.”

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

# Give A Smile, Get A Smile

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This month's *Give A Smile, Get A Smile* goes to out to the Detroit Pistons as they selected Cade Cunningham out of Oklahoma State University in last month's NBA Draft.

Cunningham, is a 6-foot-8 guard with tremendous playmaking and scoring skills that will surely make him a favorite for Rookie of the Year.

The Pistons have an exciting, young team on the rise that will definitely be making some serious noise in the Eastern Conference in the coming years.

We can't wait to hear PA Announcer John Mason's signature phrase **Deetroit Basketball** this season!



NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and number one overall pick of the Detroit Pistons, Cade Cunningham. Image courtesy of Brad Penner/USA Today Sports, via Reuters

## Why Is This Mess Still Here?

The Morningsider

The MorningSider provides us a great opportunity to highlight all the many people working hard to revitalize our neighborhood. At the same time, we must hold institutions and individuals accountable when they impede our progress.

The Red Bow Tie Cleaners on E. Warren at Audubon closed in March, 2020. Water began running from the building since at least January, 2021, creating a mess on E. Warren and serving as a magnet for trash. It has been reported to SeeClickFix, the Mayor's office, officials from the Department of Neighborhoods, and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. A private realtor even got involved.

Employees of DWSD have come out several times, the sidewalk has been torn up, and yet the water keeps running. We have seen no one working to resolve the issue in the past month. Is anyone in the City government paying attention? Why is this taking so long?

We look forward to an explanation from any responsible individual working for the city, which we will publish in the next issue. Stay tuned!



Trash and running water has been an ongoing issue at The Red Bow Tie Cleaners. Image courtesy of Susan Newell

## A United Community For All - A Message from the President

Eric Dueweke | Contributing Writer

One of the good things about living in a neighborhood with an active community organization is a sense of belonging. That feeling of “we’re all in this together.” Many MorningSiders demonstrated their concern for neighbors in the aftermath of recent flooding events. I personally observed several people helping neighbors clean out basements and haul flood debris to the curb.

Communication about solutions for affected residents may be even more important. Whether you attended last month’s Membership Meeting featuring a DWSD leader or followed informative threads on NextDoor or the MorningSide Facebook page, information sharing reduces the potential for hopelessness. Solutions offered may not be ideal, but usually some form of assistance is possible.

Taking community organizing to the next level through the use of block clubs has been a longtime goal of the MorningSide organization. Some streets such as Three Mile Drive have one block club that spans the entire length of Three Mile from Harper to Mack. Others like Bedford have a block club for residents north of E. Warren and another for those between Warren and Mack. Still others may have an informal network of those living on a single block, for instance between Munich and Waveney.

No matter how you choose to organize, the most important step is the first one. Knowing your neighbors, agreeing on your concerns, and communicating those concerns is the key to getting problems addressed. Block clubs large or small can also bring neighbors together to help a senior in need or to throw an end of summer party.

Each member of the MorningSide Community Organization board of directors has volunteered to serve as “ambassador” for two streets within our boundaries, to help facilitate the formation of block clubs. Check our MorningSide website to find the block club Ambassador for your street. If you live on Three Mile or Wayburn, you can call or text me at (313) 231-1114.

Block clubs and community organizations can not only help neighbors in times of crisis like basement flooding but can proactively address smaller quality of life issues before they become larger ones. Together we are stronger.

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

### Let's Talk Trash

#### The Morningsider

Here are our next three bulk trash pickup days: August 19, September 2, and September 16.

Don't forget that you can report dumpsters and trash set out too soon or left out too long through [www.SeeClickFix.com](http://www.SeeClickFix.com) or the Improve Detroit app on your phone.



Trash sitting on the berm. Image courtesy of Nicolas Hall

# Resources & Upcoming Events

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**MAYOR DUGGAN'S**

## 5 GUIDELINES

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**FEMA Assistance**



- The only event covered is the storm of June 25-26, 2021.
- Emergency assistance covers only what is needed to make your house safe and livable – not restore all losses.
- FEMA only for uninsured and underinsured – will make your house safe and livable only if insurance does not.
- Denial letters are often NOT FINAL – they may just mean you need to submit more information.
- FEMA application deadline: **September 13, 2021.**

Participate in a group interview!

## COMMUNITIES CONQUERING COVID



COVID-19 has affected Black and Latino communities more than others in America. We would like to hear your thoughts about COVID-19 and ways to decrease the burden of this crisis.

### Who can participate in this study?

- Volunteers who are:
- 18+ years of age
  - African American, Black, Hispanic and/or Latino
  - Comfortable speaking English or Spanish
  - Living in Genesee, Kent, Washtenaw, or Wayne County

### What will you do if you participate in this study?

- Take a short online survey.
- Participate in a 1.5 hour group interview (focus group) by phone or video call.

### What will you receive for volunteering?

You will receive a \$50 gift card for your participation.

### If you have questions or want to sign up:

Call: 734.647.0699  
Or email: c3covid19@med.umich.edu

Get in touch today!

Help us understand how COVID-19 is affecting your community, and what can be done to make things better.

Study title: "The Fierce Urgency of Now": Communities Conquering COVID (C3)



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**NEIGHBORHOOD LOTS**

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<https://buildingdetroit.org/sidelots/index/neighborhood/>

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## featherstone's 6-week SUBSCRIPTION KITS

**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!!**

**VEGAN STIR FRY KIT:** Eat healthy farm-fresh produce this summer and expand your culinary skills with our 6-week vegan stir fry kit! Kits include a rotating variety of our farm fresh veggies, grains, herbs, microgreens, crunchy-bit toppers, and a made-from-scratch featured sauce of the week.  
Stir Fry Kit Pricing: \$240 (\$40/wk for 6 weeks)

**BREADS & SPREADS KIT:** Each week, you will receive a different artisan bread, and made-from-scratch sweet or savory spread.  
Bread Kit Pricing: \$120 (\$20/week for 6 weeks)

**JULY 13 - AUGUST 18:**  
PICKUP & DELIVERY OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

**Pick Up:** Wednesdays 2-6pm (July 14-Aug 18)  
Pickup from our Farm Stand 4178 Lakepointe St., Detroit

**Delivery:** Tuesdays 4:30-7pm (July 13-Aug 17)  
Delivery available for MorningSide, East English Village, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Fernalds, Pleasant Ridge.



## visit our FARM STAND

Our Featherstone Farm Stand is open to the public on: Wednesdays from 2-6pm at 4178 Lakepointe, Detroit.

ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE!  
WWW.FEATHERSTONEGARDEN.COM | @FEATHERSTONE.GARDEN



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU EVERYDAY!

# HelpKitchen

Brilliant Detroit is partnering with HelpKitchen, a non-profit, to **HELP FAMILIES IN NEED OF A MEAL** get delicious meals from local restaurants **FOR FREE!**

**1** Text (313) 488-4321 to request a meal. You will be linked to a nearby restaurant and given a choice of dates and times to pick up your meals.

**2** At the assigned time and date, you go to the restaurant, give them your order number and they will give you your meals to take home free of charge!

Please contact us if you have questions or need further information.

**QUESTIONS? CLICK HERE!**

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**Join Us!**  
Every Wednesday,  
Beginning March 10th  
from 3:00pm-4:00pm

**BrilliantDetroit**  
creating kid success neighborhoods

# It's Time for Fun!

Please join us at our Morningside location! Zumba® is designed to bring FAMILIES together to have fun AND sweat it out!

**Here's How It Works:**  
Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness- cardio muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility by mixing low/height intensity moves for a calorie-burning dance fitness party.

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Each Wednesday, beginning March 10th from 3:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Zoom Meeting [CLICK HERE](#)  
(or use the link below)  
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**Join Us**  
Thursdays beginning  
May 6th • 6:00pm

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# YOGANIC FLOW!

Yoganic Flow brings yoga to youth in urban areas, using a trauma sensitive-approach to nurture positive thinking, positive behavior and positive body image/awareness.

Certified yoga instructors provide yoga in a fun and accessible way that gives kids the tools to regulate stress and anxiety, and calm down. Yoga moves, breathing exercises and games are incorporated to encourage teamwork, self-confidence and healthy coping mechanisms.

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# Resources & Upcoming Events

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FOR THE



- 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!

EVERY THURSDAY 3PM-7PM  
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3-7 PM

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Check the  
Dates below!

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## Morningside Food Distribution!

### DATE AND TIME:

- Every Monday 10-12:30pm (or until food runs out)
- First & second Monday's Atlas food distribution
- Second & fourth Monday Gleaners food distribution

### LOCATION:

- 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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## TALK TO US!

### Letter to the Editor

Very informative newsletter! 😊

- Veronica Shumake Gray

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

Arise Detroit!

## Neighborhoods Day Volunteers

This month's Morningside's Finest goes out to all the volunteers who participated in the 15th Annual Arise Detroit! Neighborhoods Day on Saturday, August 7th here in MorningSide and throughout the city.

Volunteers helped spruce up various sites in MorningSide by clearing out flower beds within Grassroots Garden and removing weeds and trash at Gateway Park.

To all the individuals who took out the time to beautify our community on this day and any other day, we appreciate you!



Volunteers clearing out weeds and debris at Gateway Park. Image courtesy of Jim West



Volunteers pose in front of the Grasroots Garden sign. Image courtesy of Nicolas Hall

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