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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MORNINGSIDE



Jamie Hendrix cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Be:Her. Image courtesy of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

New MorningSide Business Be:Her Celebrates Grand Opening

Twiana Odom | Contributing Writer

Detroit — Be:Her is the latest new business to launch on the East Warren corridor in MorningSide. The women's boutique is owned and operated by lifelong Detroit and MorningSide resident, Jamie Hendrix. For Hendrix, it's a great investment for the continued improvement of our community.

The journey of finally opening the doors to the public at 15715 East Warren Avenue was one that began in 2016 when Jamie purchased the building.

What was once considered as an eyesore by many, has now become an asset to the community. Be:Her provides ladies across the city of Detroit with endless clothing options to choose from.

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Unity in the Community

Adrian L. Green | The Morningsider



O'Dell Tate. Image courtesy of the Tate family

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, the MorningSide Community Organization will lead our neighbors in a "Unity In the Community" Walk, in honor and in memory of the late O'Dell Tate, former President of the MCO and the leader of similar walks in years past.

We will convene at Ronald Brown Academy, 11530 E. Outer Drive, at 10:00 a.m. and we will walk through the nearby residential streets of the MorningSide neighborhood. We will conclude the walk at Ronald Brown Academy at 12:00 Noon. Monique Tate is working to have commemorative t-shirts made and a balloon release is also planned. Information about how to secure a t-shirt will be shared on the MCO website.

Everyone is welcome, and we hope you will come out and enjoy what is sure to be a festive and enjoyable event! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Adrian Green (313) 399-8014, Sharon Gray (313) 929-3980, or Nic Hall (815) 354-2092.

Adrian L. Green is MCO Treasurer, a community activist and proud graduate of HBCU Florida A&M University

A Word from the President: One Clean - Up Down, Tree Planting To Come

Eric Dueweke | The Morningsider

As the outstanding photos from Jim West in this newsletter demonstrate, we had a great turnout of volunteers on April 30 at our two cleanup locations for the first “MorningSide Makeover” of 2022. Our Board decided to get the jump on the City’s annual Motor City Makeover dates in May—which would have meant waiting until Memorial Day weekend for the official District 4 event.

Special thanks are due to Aaron and Joshua from Motor City Grounds Crew who provided not only tools, lawnmowers, bags, and gloves, but also the skilled labor of the MCGC workforce. They even removed all the trash and leaf bags at the end of the event. The Grassroots Garden on East Warren, along with the alley behind it, has never looked better! Our MorningSide Gateway Park at Alter and Mack also got a thorough cleaning and Aaron’s crew brought in a few loads of wood chips to refresh the circle. Excellent!

At the risk of offending somebody that I forget to list, here are the April 30 volunteers who deserve a round of applause from all MorningSide residents: AJ White, Nic Hall, Ulysses Jones, Lou Hatty, Charon and Gaston Nogues with son Daniel, Aaron Smith, Ms. Campbell from Balfour, Eric Dueweke, Adriana Cedeno, Alex Afanasyev, Delores Modock, Denise Roberson, Monique Tate, Dorothy Johnson, Susan Newell, Jim West, Judy Pensyl and Scotty Boman. Nam from the Grounds Crew even brought his daughter along. Apologies to anyone I missed and wrong spelling of names.

The Mayor’s Department of Neighborhoods has announced a transition to Motorcity Makeover 365, encouraging community groups like ours to continue with cleanup efforts year-round. Be on the lookout for future MorningSide cleanups in June, July, and August. If you have a suggested location that needs attention, please email us at morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com. The Neighborhood Improvement Committee of our Board will give preference to ideas from blocks that can commit 5 or more volunteers to their suggested site.

And if beautification is your thing, consider coming out to our Nottingham/Beaconsfield tree planting with Greening of Detroit on Saturday, May 14. Please sign up in advance through the Greening’s website at <https://www.greeningofdetroit.com/events/5-14treeplanting>.



MorningSide Makeover volunteers spruced up the grounds of Grassroots Garden. Image courtesy of the Jim West

Other upcoming MorningSide events are discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. Our volunteer Board is always working to come up with a variety of activities to improve quality of life in the neighborhood. The success of these events depends on how many folks participate. So come on out, meet some new neighbors, and have fun while making a difference.

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

Continued... New MorningSide Business: Be:Her Celebrates Grand Opening

Jamie credits the business support entities of Motor City Match, ProsperUs, Build Institute, Michigan Women Forward, and many more for her dream of Be:Her becoming a reality.

There are also additional plans to include a public courtyard as Jamie wants to provide a gathering space for community members.

There's also available space in her building that will be used as a salon for cosmetology artists.

I had an amazing experience visiting Be:Her. I shared a few laughs with Jamie and left with quite a few items.

Be:Her caters to women of all shapes and sizes. I'm very confident you'll walk away finding the perfect outfit for any occasion.

I encourage all my fellow ladies to visit this beautiful space that is right in our own backyard.



Be:Her owner Jamie Hendrix. Image courtesy of Twiana Odom

Twiana Odom, 1st Vice President of MCO

Detroiters, Are You Being Heard?

Susan Newell | The Morningsider

Bridge Detroit, a free online magazine serving Detroit residents, has been a regular and reliable source of information for *The Morningsider*. It provides in-depth reporting on issues in this city that are often overlooked by mainstream news outlets.

Now *Bridge Detroit* is sending its representatives into the neighborhoods on a listening tour to find out what residents' priorities and pressing concerns are, in order to guide future reporting.

Over the next few weeks Bridge Detroit will host town halls in each City Council district. The listening session for District 4 will be held on Tuesday, June 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Freedom Freedom Growers garden, 866 Manistique. If you're not able to attend this one, you can attend any of the meetings in other districts.

We encourage MorningSide residents to take advantage of this opportunity to let our voices be heard by a news source that cares about what we think and want.

For a complete schedule of the town halls and more information, check out this link:

https://www.bridgedetroit.com/tell-us-detroit-are-you-being-heard/?utm_source=Bridge+Detroit&utm_campaign=024336668a-BridgeDetroit+Newsletter+04%2F28%2F2022&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f488832fef-024336668a-82575312

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

Flamz Re-Opens

Susan Newell | The Morningsider

Flamz Pizzeria has proven once again that you can't keep a good business down. It first opened in May 2019 and had just gotten established as the best place on the east side for thin crust pizza when the pandemic forced them to shut down.

After a months-long hiatus, they were able to re-open and were getting customers back, but on January 4 of this year, a fire two doors down at Shoetique caused significant smoke damage and forced them to close their doors yet again.



Flamz Pizzeria. Image courtesy of Jim West

But they refused to give up, and about a month ago, after a major clean-up, Flamz got back to the business of making pizza in their specialty brick oven.

"Lots of people who come in have said they're glad to see us open again. I was so happy the first day we opened back up, I must have eaten two whole pizzas," manager Devin Yelda says with a laugh. They even have customers coming from the west side, he says.

You can choose one of their signature pizzas - Seafood, Barbecue, Veggie, the City Lover featuring four kinds of meat, and the Detroit, which includes pepperoni, Italian sausage, green peppers, and onions. Or you can build your own pizza with a selection of sauces - spicy Marinara, pesto, barbecue, and white cream. Build-your-own salads are also an option, and if you're looking for something sweet to top it all off, they offer pies and cakes as well.

Flamz Pizzeria, located at 16369 E. Warren, between Audubon and Courville, is open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday. It's closed on Sundays. Phone number is 313-924-5714.



Flamz Pizzeria manager Devin Yelda prepares a pizza. Image courtesy of Jim West

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Honoring Excellence at East English Village Prep Academy

Adrian L. Green | *The Morningsider*

Teonna Barber is a 16-year old sophomore at East English Village Preparatory Academy. She was recently celebrated at school as the Student of the Month for the third quarter and maintains a 4.0 grade point average and perfect attendance. Teonna is also a member of the Girls Track and Volleyball Teams. She works part-time at McDonald's and enjoys helping her grandparents with yard work and caring for their needs.

Teonna hopes to earn a full scholarship to Michigan State University, where she will pursue a degree in Psychology or Medicine. According to the Dean of the 10th Graders at EEVPA, Teonna is an outstanding student who excels in all three areas of the school's focus: Attendance, Attitude, and Achievement. We congratulate Ms. Teonna Barber on being honored at school.



EEVP Academy student Teonna Barber. Image courtesy of Teonna Barber

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Great Opportunity for Aspiring Teen Journalists

The Morningsider

The journalism camp, August 1-12, is a virtual two-week experience led by Detroit Writing Room and New York Writing Room coaches. Students will work directly with veteran journalists who've reported for The New York Times, Washington Post, U.S. News & World Report, Detroit Free Press, Detroit News and more! Students will learn about covering news, sports, health, food and stories in their communities. They'll also write their own article that will be published online and in the third edition of the [award-winning](#) Perspectives Magazine!

The camp is free for Detroit high school students thanks to scholarships offered through the nonprofit Coaching Detroit Forward. There is a registration fee for students nationwide.

detroitwritingroom.com/journalism-camp



Youth journalists filming content. Image courtesy of YR Media

Hello MorningSide Residents! Ombudsman Recommendations

Bruce Simpson | Contributing Writer

During my 2022-2023 Fiscal Budget Review on Thursday, March 31, 2022, I focused on four Ombudsman Recommendations that would affect the lives of our Residents, Property Owners, the Detroit Police Department, and over 400 Disabled Veterans in Detroit.

Listed below I am providing you with an understanding of each of my Ombudsman Recommendations that were presented before the City Council during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Budget.

Deed Requirement – It is not mandatory by The State of Michigan to require a deed transfer upon ownership of a property. This requirement will correct the uncertainty of ownership by yielding inaccurate records and the ability to collect money owed to the City of Detroit.

Property Tax Affidavit (PTA's) – Providing a mechanism with accountability, that strongly encourages a new owner to file a PTA will be a revenue generator and significantly increase the accuracy of our records. The mandatory filing of a deed and PTA's work together for our benefit. (There is a current loophole that is often taken advantage of by many investors and speculators).

DPD Education and Home Ownership Opportunities – An expansion of the Detroit Promise Program to include Detroit Police Officers. This program would work in conjunction with the current educational program for Detroit Police Officers through Cleary University and we should cover the cost after tuition reimbursement. I also recommended that a program from the Bing administration be reinstated, this would afford officers an opportunity to receive a newly renovated Detroit Land Bank home. Both measures would provide attractive incentives to those that may be considering joining DPD and it would also improve our ability to retain those officers that may have considered leaving the department.

Disabled Veterans Exemption – We recommended that the Assessor pursue a change to P.A. 206 in Lansing concerning our disabled veterans. This will allow the Assessor to execute the exemption for disabled veterans at any time of the year. After filing with their municipality, they would not be asked to refile on an annual basis. This change would directly affect over four hundred disabled veterans in our city and roughly twenty-thousand statewide. Please view Senate Bill 846.

If you have a complaint that has not been resolved with a City department, our office at 313. 224.6000 to file your complaint, or you may visit our website: <https://detroitmi.gov/government/ombudsman>, click on the Ombudsman File Complaint box, and follow the instructions.



Detroit Ombudsman Bruce Simpson. Image courtesy of Violet Ikonomova

Thank you, Detroit, for trusting in my staff and me. Together, we can improve the quality of life on a daily basis.

Bruce Simpson, City of Detroit Ombudsman

MorningSide Kicks Off Monthly Bike Ride (and Bike Giveaway!)

Nicolas Hall | The Morningsider

The first in a series of monthly bike rides starts Sunday, May 29th, 2 pm - 4 pm. Participants will meet up at Three Mile-Munich Park and, from there, cruise around the neighborhood. Along the ride, we'll stop and highlight various focal points and developments happening in our community. All riders are encouraged to wear bike helmets.

Do you know someone who has an interest in biking but doesn't have a bicycle? Brilliant Detroit is generously supporting the event by giving away bike packages to neighbors in need, available for both children and adults! Each bike package is fully loaded with a bicycle, helmet, lock, and lights. Send us your nomination by emailing morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com/. Please include the name and age of the person, along with a short statement as to why you are nominating them and how they would benefit from a new bike.



Bike Riders at the Three Mile Munich Park. Image courtesy of Nicolas Hall.

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

Alger Theater Spring Cleaning Volunteer Day

Charon Nogues | The Morningsider

The Alger Theater is ready for a freshening! Let's clear the way for summer and good times ... Get involved! Become a member... join our email list to tune in.

The date is set for Sunday, May 22nd, from 12PM - 3PM. Please call Charon Nogues at (562) 895-9399.

The ADA compliant lift construction is under way.

<http://algertheater.org>

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



Alger Theater. Image courtesy of Pinterest

Want a Tree? You Can Get One for Free!

The Morningsider



City of Detroit forestry workers plant a tree. Image courtesy of Jim West

The City of Detroit's General Services Department is committed to planting 10,000 trees to enhance neighborhoods and promote safer and healthier communities. Currently, the Department is more than halfway to that goal and has planted 5,500 trees since the program began in 2017.

Detroiters can request a free tree for planting on the berm between the sidewalk and the street in front of their home by visiting detroitmi.gov/treeservices. Since there is only a limited window for successful planting, tree requests may be fulfilled either this spring or fall.

Trees are not only a beautiful addition to any neighborhood, but they also provide many other benefits, such as improving air quality, helping keep neighborhoods cool, reducing the impact of climate change, and even diverting stormwater to help prevent flooding. They can also drive down utility bills and raise property values.

Read the full story on the City's website at [10,000 trees \(detroitmi.gov\)](https://10000trees.detroitmi.gov).

Let's Talk Trash

The Morningsider

Are you tired of having your Courville dumpster filled to overflowing before trash day? There's an easy way to fix that problem - try recycling! You'll be amazed at how recycling cuts down on your other household waste. And it's easy, once you get used to a few do's and don'ts. See https://detroitmi.gov/recycling_faq for the most frequently asked questions about recycling.

Recycling containers are available for free from the city. Apply here: <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/department-public-works/refuse-collection/free-recycling-container-form>.

If you want to see what happens to your recycled materials after they've picked up, check out this [YouTube](#) video.

And here's the schedule for your next three bulk trash, yard waste, and recycling pickups.

Thursday, May 12 and 26
Thursday, June 9



Workers sorting through recycled material. Image courtesy of the Detroit Free Press



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Give A Smile, Get A Smile

Elena Fracassa | The Morningsider

This month we feature the inspiring story of Detroitier Zwena Gray. Zwena is a twenty year old student at Trent University in Ontario where she is pursuing a major in environmental studies and science and a minor in gender and social justice studies.

This summer, Ms. Gray will merge these two passions by spending six weeks hiking 559 miles of the Bruce Trail - tracing the footsteps of women who followed the trail more than a century ago toward the last stop on the Underground Railroad. Gray says she "wants her trek to showcase Black Joy and inspire Black, Indigenous, and people of color to get out into nature".

You can learn more about Zwena's journey and even contribute to her mission at the links below:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/detroit-woman-bruce-trail-underground-railroad-1.6441139>

<https://www.mightycause.com/story/Blackonthebruce/>

Follow Zwena on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/just.zee/>



Detroitier Zwena Gray on the hiking path of the Bruce Trail. Image courtesy of WDET

Resources & Upcoming Events

Presented by The Morningsider



Join Council Member Latisha Johnson for

Virtual Community Office Hours

TUESDAY, MAY 17

5:30-7 PM

TAKE PART

Join us for this Zoom meeting
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2022 MEETING DATES

- FEBRUARY 8 -
- MARCH 8 -
- APRIL 12 -
- MAY 10
- JUNE 14
- JULY 12
- AUGUST 9
- SEPTEMBER 13
- OCTOBER 11
- NOVEMBER 8
- DECEMBER 13



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EASTSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK

JOIN US FOR THE...

EASTSIDE CLIMATE ACTION COALITION MEETING

Register at: bit.ly/eastsideclimate

Second Wednesday of every month | 5pm - 6:30pm | Zoom

Join us for our monthly Eastside Climate Action Coalition

In collaboration with the LEAP Coalition, the Eastside Climate Action Coalition will focus on climate and community health equity

If you are interested in:

- > Learning about how climate change is impacting the eastside
- > Advocating for policies and solutions
- > Building community power and connections
- > Promoting resilience and community health
- > Advancing environmental justice on the eastside

You should join us!
Any questions? Contact Erin Stanley at 313-331-3495 | erinstanley@ecn-detroit.org

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Sounds of Summer

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EVENT DETAILS

May 21, 2022
11am - 3pm



SHOW ME THE MONEY DAY

RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION DAY

May 21 - Our partners, Bailey Park NDC & Brilliant Detroit, are hosting a **Resource Distribution Day**

Registration isn't required but highly recommended

Brilliant Detroit (5312 Newport St.)
Bailey Park NDC (2617 Jos Campau Ave.)



Call 313-571-2800 or email sbrewer@ecn-detroit.org for more information

REGISTER: [BIT.LY/SMTMD22](https://bit.ly/SMTMD22)

Morningside's Finest

MorningSide Makeover Volunteers



Volunteers at the Morningside Gateway Park. Image courtesy of Jim West

Morningside's Finest is dedicated to all the volunteers who dedicated their energy and time on April 30 in beautifying our community greenspaces in Gateway Park and Grassroots Gardens. Volunteers came ready to get their hands dirty as they removed litter, cleared garden beds, added fresh mulch, and so much more. There are too many individuals to name, but their contributions... do not go unnoticed.

MorningSide appreciates each and everyone of you!

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