



# MORNINGSIDER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MORNINGSIDE



U-SNAP-BAC Executive Director Linda Smith cuts the ribbon at the MorningSide Commons ceremony. Image courtesy of the city of Detroit

## MorningSide Commons to Undergo Major Renovations

City of Detroit - H&RD | Press Release

Detroit — U-SNAP-BAC and members of the Detroit City Council and community gathered this week to celebrate the makeover of 64 units of deeply affordable housing on the city's east side and the extension of that affordability for the next 30 years.

MorningSide Commons, located along Wayburn Street and Alter Road in District 4's MorningSide neighborhood, features 13 town homes at 50 percent area median income (AMI) and 51 at 60 percent AMI. Because the affordability is guaranteed for at least the next 30 years, residents will not have to worry about being priced out of their homes. U-SNAP-BAC is the owner and developer of the 32-building complex. The property is managed by Continental Management.

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**East Warren Avenue Streetscape Project Underway**

**James Hannig | Contributing Writer**



**Excavators dismantling the planters. Image courtesy of Jim West**

You may have noticed a few orange drums or what some call the ‘Michigan Flower’ and construction activity along East Warren Avenue between 3 Mile Drive and Cadieux Rd over the past few weeks. The City of Detroit is excited to share that construction for the streetscape project is officially underway!

After several months of working with stakeholders and neighbors, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is thrilled to make the community’s vision for East Warren Avenue a reality. Overall, the plan is for East Warren Avenue to be a place that is safe, economically thriving, and welcoming for all residents, businesses, and visitors. The project also includes a dynamic plaza at Courville Street that can be used for parking and community events.

Some of the specific streetscape improvements include:

- Pavement resurfacing
- New 6-foot-wide protected bike lanes
- New bus islands
- Sidewalk replacement and pedestrian curb ramps
- New street lighting and traffic signals
- Landscaping and plantings
- Various street signs, pavement markings, and furnishings

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## E. Warren Farmers Market Returns for Third Season

**Sarah Feldman** | Contributing Writer

The East Warren corridor welcomes back the E. Warren Farmers Market for their annual market from 5 pm to 8 pm. every Thursday through the summer. The former Pizza Hut on E. Warren and Bishop is now the permanent home of the weekly farmers market, hosting more than 30 local vendors and food trucks.

The market's return is testimony to its success, both as a celebration of local talent and for the direct economic impact on our community. Earnings of \$60,000 went back into the pockets of the 83 predominantly local, minority, and women-owned small businesses who participated in 2021. This was a 240% increase from the initial market launch in 2020.



**Picture perfect day at the E. Warren Farmers Market**  
Image courtesy of Joe Rashid

It's more than just a market. It's an intentional space to cultivate businesses, share resources, and launch vendors into a sustainable career. Fourteen of the vendors last year were able to expand their businesses to both food trucks and brick and mortar locations.

Starting in 2020, at the height of the pandemic, the E. Warren Farmers Market has been home to a growing variety of vendors. From produce to skincare, jewelry to baked goods, and everything in between, the market showcases talent from across the east side. In addition to vendors, the market often features live music, resources from local partnerships and organizations, as well as a space to gather and eat from local food trucks.

Going into the 2022 season, the market is looking to host even more vendors, artists, and entertainment. Allowing people to showcase their talents, in hopes of continuing to help revitalize the community and reactivate the E. Warren corridor, the E. Warren Farmers Market is looking forward to seeing returning families and welcoming new visitors!



**Fresh produce is a standard item at the E. Warren Farmers Market.** Image courtesy of Mark Rutherford

Make sure to follow the market on Instagram and Facebook for more updates and announcements @ewarrenfarmersmarket. To become a vendor please go to [www.ewarren.org/marketvendor/](http://www.ewarren.org/marketvendor/)



**The E. Warren Farmers Market is an environment for all.** Image courtesy of E. Warren Farmers Market

*Sarah Feldman is the Operations and Special Projects Manager of East Warren Development Corp. and owner of Bespoke by Feldman, specializing in custom-made earrings.*

## Continued... MorningSide Commons to Undergo Major Renovations

Each of the 32 buildings received new HVAC; new kitchen appliances, cabinets and sinks, and faucets; new bathroom vanities, toilets, sinks, and shower fixtures; new flooring; new paint; and new lighting and ceiling fans. The apartments now meet MSHDA's Affordable Green Standards for efficiency.

The exterior also received major upgrades, including new roofing, new windows, new gutters and downspouts, new siding, new front and rear entry doors, new or repaired steps on the front and back of each unit, and new lighting and garage door replacement or repair.

Read the full story on the City's website at [64 units of affordable housing \(detroitmi.gov\)](https://detroitmi.gov).



The MorningSide Commons. Image courtesy of Apartments.com

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*City of Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department*

## Continued... East Warren Avenue Streetscape Project Underway

Construction started this month and is expected to continue through the summer and into fall.

DPW will be hosting weekly virtual office hours on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Residents and business owners are welcome to join the Zoom call and take part in the discussion at any time. City staff will provide updates on the project's progress, upcoming work and are available to address questions or help resolve issues caused by construction.

**Recurring virtual office hours:**

Every Wednesday between June 1, 2022, To November 10, 2022, 5:00-6:00pm

Virtual meeting (Zoom) link:  
<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/88343840935>



Rendering of the now underway East Warren Streetscape project. Image courtesy of the city of Detroit

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*James Hannig, AICP, Director of Complete Streets for the city of Detroit*

## Neighborhood Volunteers Give Alger Theater a Spring Cleaning

Clinton Griffin | Contributing Writer

The Alger Theater's May 22nd Spring Clean Up brought out a community of volunteers. The difficult tasks of cleaning our sidewalks, washing windows, cleaning out our water-damaged entrance, stage, and auditorium, sorting through and organizing our tents, and cleaning out the interior back lobby were all accomplished in just one day, thanks to neighborhood volunteers!

Ironically, this was completed just in time for the city to begin the new streetscape construction. We're sure we'll be out cleaning again many times before the construction is completed. but we also know it's the price to pay for progress. In fact, The Friends of the Alger Theater, the non-profit volunteer organization, has much to celebrate in working towards our mission to activate and renovate the Alger Theater to establish a welcoming destination for arts, entertainment, and education in the community.



**A volunteer of the Alger Theater shovels debris. Image courtesy of Charon Nogues**

Here's some of the other progress we've made:

- The Alger now has a new elevator pit and shaft to the rooftop patio and is awaiting the delivery of the cab in the next couple of weeks.
- We are a Community Partner assisting residents to complete the 2022 HOPE Application for Property Tax Exemptions. Call (313) 720-3904 for an appointment. (Unless otherwise scheduled, doors are open on Warren every Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 pm)

After over 35 years, in conjunction with the new E. Warren Streetscape, we will finally be able to bring water back into the building.

We are still working to replace the roof and install bathrooms as soon as possible in order to get a Certificate of Occupancy to get this beloved Theater opened.

The Friends of the Alger sincerely appreciate the efforts of all stakeholders. We know that the pride shown by our neighbors has moved us closer to reopening our neighborhood treasure - one of the last remaining neighborhood theaters in Detroit - with national, state, and local historic designations!

As a non-profit all-volunteer organization we encourage all our neighbors to participate by volunteering for events and on committees that move these projects forward. We also encourage all our neighbors to become a member with a contribution of \$35. To complete the member form send inquiries to <https://www.algertheater.org>

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*Clinton Griffin is Vice President of Friends of the Alger Theater.*

## MorningSide “Happy Hour” Hits the Spot

**Twiana Odom** | The Morningsider

The “corner bar” plays an important role in keeping a community happy. The digital world is simply no substitute for enjoying a drink with friends and neighbors. We certainly felt that at the MorningSide Community Organization’s first “Happy Hour” on Friday, June 10 at the J- Spot, 16200 East Warren. It’s literally the corner bar, at the corner of Bedford.

The J-Spot has been in our community since 2011, and the exterior and interior has maintained much of its original charm. The main bar is long with plenty of seating and small tables throughout the space for those dining in. That night it was a place where everybody knows your name, or at least was willing to learn your name. For many of us, it meant putting a face with a name, sharing food and a few drinks.

During the pandemic shutdown, the J-Spot had an opportunity to upgrade to a fully functioning kitchen and is now known for serving everything from glazed lamb chops to chicken wings, and of course your traditional bar food.

The J-Spot also offers karaoke nights and pool tournaments. The night was a great success, as we supported a neighborhood bar and got to know more of our neighbors. I haven’t laughed so much or had so much in-person face time since the beginning of the pandemic.

I hope you’ll join us next time!

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*Twiana Odom, 1st VP of MCO*



**MorningSide neighbors enjoying Happy Hour at the J-Spot. Image courtesy of Nicolas Hall**

## Brilliant Detroit Plans a Busy Summer of Fun for MorningSide Kids

**EJ Haralson** | Contributing Writer

MorningSide's Brilliant Detroit is pleased to offer some great new programs/events in June-Summer Camp, Tech Hub, Cyberchase, Learning Kitchen, Reading is Fundamental, Arts & Scraps, Meet up & Eat up, Parent as First Teacher, and Taekwondo.

**Summer Camp: June 20th - August 11th 2022**  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmS2dulGsjr5yex7nvaRfeoPxpTqLR4ZK8j3gBWIDpCTANXQ/viewform>

MorningSide is starting a Literacy and Arts Summer Camp for kids. During this time MorningSide will be offering so many fun, exciting, and knowledgeable programs and events for kids to be active and expand learning skills. Children will gain achievements and learn values of teamwork and individual responsibility in daily tasks in a healthy environment. To build individual character, confidence and skills through a wide range of sports, workshops and inclusive activities. Summer Camp begins Monday June 20th and ends on Thursday August 11th with programming from Monday to Thursday starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.

Our Summer Programs include ABC Mouse, Lunch (Meet up & Eat up), Arts & scraps, Taekwondo, Garden Team, Reading is Fundamental, and many other programs/activities. We will also have special events such as our MorningSide Camp Tees, Water Fight, Elephant toothpaste, Fathers Day Event, and Juneteenth as well.

**Arts and Scraps: June 22nd - August 10th**  
 Arts and Scraps is a non-profit organization focused on reducing urban waste by repurposing materials and offering scholarship funds that support local artists, instructors, and/or non-profit in the realm of arts. Outside of Arts and Scraps giving Brilliant Detroit MorningSide a scholarship to receive art supplies for our other in-house programs, they will also be hosting an Arts and Scraps Program during our summer camp! During an hour for our summer camp Arts and Scraps hosts will explore the different avenues of art with our children!

Weekly on Wednesdays 2-3pm

**Reading is Fundamental: June 24th - August 11th**  
 RIF provides resources such as books, STEM-themed classroom activities, professional development for educators, and parent engagement materials. Reading is Fundamental helps strengthen literacy skills in children by actively engaging them in the learning process. This program provides kids with the opportunity to obtain the fundamental building blocks to achieve their highest potential engaging them with culturally relevant books and literacy activities.

Weekly on Thursday from 1-2pm

**Meet Up & Eat Up: June 21st - August 9th**  
 In order to feed our children during summer camp, we have help from Wayne Metro's Meet Up & Eat up! This program is essentially lunch on wheels; they come in at a specific time once or twice a week and provide lunch meals for our summer campers. These meals not only will help sustain our campers, but will ensure everyone has equal access to healthy food in our community

Weekly during summer camp

**Parent as First Teacher: June 20th - August 11th 2022**  
 Brilliant Detroit MorningSide wants to celebrate the people who teach children first, our parents/guardians. Our summer camp will be filled with volunteers and parents alike who will help aid in the daily operations process of the summer camp. Each Parent as First Teacher will be compensated for their time with us to show our appreciation of how much our parents/ guardians really are the lifeline to our community and organization! This group has also been trained to host certain literacy programs, which allows our Parent as First Teachers to become role models for multiple kids in our community and not just for their own.

Daily throughout summer camp

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## Continued... Brilliant Detroit Plans a Busy Summer of Fun for MorningSide Kids

Taekwondo: June 20th, 2022

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOYYeuFnG3OyCJ-5RrqdT\\_xHDqeK5vmz2G5us4ALmggn9nOOQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOYYeuFnG3OyCJ-5RrqdT_xHDqeK5vmz2G5us4ALmggn9nOOQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

Children ages 6 & up will learn the fundamentals of Taekwondo every Wednesday from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm in person. One of the most systematic and scientific Korean traditional martial arts. Taekwondo teaches the importance of discipline and emphasizes the physical fitness components.

Tech Hub: Tuesday & Thursdays 11:00am - 2:00pm

A program to help bridge the digital divide through classes such as how to fact check online, set up an email, operate a zoom call, and much more. Families who attend all three sessions are eligible to win a Microsoft tablet and wireless keyboard.

The Learning Kitchen: May 2nd - July 19th, 2022

[Learning Kitchen Registration](#)

An innovative, hands-on cooking and nutritional learning educational hybrid program of in person and virtual activities, helping participants to develop the practical skills necessary to establish lifelong healthy eating habits.

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*EJ Haralson is Community Engagement Coordinator for Brilliant Detroit MorningSide*

## Mosaic Youth Theatre Brings Drama to MorningSide

The Morningsider

Members of the world-renowned Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit brought their latest production, "Mwindo," to MorningSide's Three Mile-Munich Park on Thursday, June 2. "Mwindo," which features the use of large puppets, is a fantastical re-telling of an ancient Central African folktale - a coming-of-age story of a boy with magical powers learning the magical power of forgiveness.

This play is part of a series of performances being staged in parks all over the city.



Audience members take in the play from the Mosaic Youth Theatre, Mwindo. at the Three Mile Munich Park. Image courtesy of Jim West



## Summer Bike Ride Series off to a Great Start, Next Bike Ride Saturday June 25th

**Nicolas Hall | The Morningsider**

Our first bike ride of the year was a success!

Over 20 neighbors came out for an afternoon bike ride on Sunday, May 29th. We met up at 2:00pm at Three Mile Park.

The event started with a bicycle giveaway, generously donated by Brilliant Detroit.

The winner and recipient was KaiLaunei Tripp, who was nominated by her grandmother, Michelle Tripp. KaiLaunei is a 14-year old who lives with her family in Morningside. She is on the Dean's List at U Prep Science & Math High School.

Her grandmother, Michelle Tripp, said:

*"I would like to nominate my granddaughter for a bike. She lives near E Warren but walks to Charlevoix everyday to take the bus to school and walks several blocks after getting off the bus in order to reach her school. A bike would help her out a lot."*

KaiLaunei was super excited to win the bike, and everyone at MCO and Brilliant Detroit were happy to award it to her.

After the giveaway, we zig-zagged our way to various neighborhood stops. We had great weather and good vibes the entire time. A handful of kids even joined our crew as they saw us cruising by!

## Detroiters to City Council: We Want Safe, Affording Housing!

**The Morningsider | Bridge Detroit**

Residents of neighborhoods all over the city have been calling attention to the need for more housing support - through home repair loans, prioritizing rehabbing over demolition, preventing evictions, and constructing affordable housing. Members of City Council, including our own District 4 Councilmember Latisha Johnson, have been listening.

The \$426 million made available to Detroit through ARPA (the American Rescue Plan Act) have already been allocated, but after dozens of citizens spoke out at recent Council meetings, members of Council are looking for ways to shift some of those funds to better address housing insecurity.

You'll find details about the effort in this article from reporter Malachi Barrett of Bridge Detroit:

[https://www.bridgedetroit.com/city-council-members-discuss-shifting-100m-in-federal-aid-to-housing/?utm\\_source=Bridge+Detroit&utm\\_campaign=167e409e1d-BridgeDetroit+Newsletter+06%2F09%2F2022&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f488832fef-167e409e1d-82575312](https://www.bridgedetroit.com/city-council-members-discuss-shifting-100m-in-federal-aid-to-housing/?utm_source=Bridge+Detroit&utm_campaign=167e409e1d-BridgeDetroit+Newsletter+06%2F09%2F2022&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f488832fef-167e409e1d-82575312)

Join us for our next bike ride! Saturday, June, 25th. We'll meet at 10:00 a.m. at Three Mile-Munich Park and wrap up by 12:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.



Neighbors pose for a photo at the Three Mile Munich Park. Image courtesy of Mark Rutherford

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

## Give A Smile, Get A Smile

Elena Fracassa | The Morningsider

June's feature is dedicated to all the fathers in our community. Normally, I wouldn't share a personal story here, but I lost my own father this past March at the age of 92. My dad was an extraordinary father, brother, son, grandfather, coworker, and friend. Born and raised on Canfield & Mt. Elliot to Italian immigrant parents, he lived his entire life in the city. When neighbors and friends left the city for the suburbs in the 70s and 80s, my parents stayed and deepened our family's connection to the community where we were raised in the city we love.

Angelo took the bus to work downtown every day for 60 years. So when he retired from the IRS at the tender age of 86, we threw him a very special party. The Free Press picked up the story about his retirement and they ran a piece that I have watched more times than I can count. I thank you for indulging my story this month, and I sure hope this video brings a smile to your face the way it does to mine. Blessings to all of the fathers and father figures in our community, our city, and our world. Happy Father's Day to all of you!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBIn-3-a8Js>

<https://www.freep.com/picture-gallery/news/2016/02/20/fracassa-retires-after-60-years-at-the-irs/80665964/>



Angelo Fracassa. Image courtesy of Salwan Georges, Detroit Free Press

## Greening of Detroit Partners with MCO to Plant 40 Trees in MorningSide

Charon Nogues | The Morningsider

After happily being tasked with coordinating the May 14 MorningSide tree planting with my fellow board member AJ White, we narrowed the scope of the project to western MorningSide - mainly Nottingham, Beaconsfield and a bit of Somerset, where both the trees and the houses are few and far between. We planted a variety of trees, including shade trees and ornamentals.

The Greening of Detroit did the heavy lifting, providing most of the volunteers, a port-a potty, morning refreshments, tools, techniques and trees.

Thanks to the MorningSide residents who came out to help beautify the Western portion of MorningSide - Gary Gray, Elena Fracassa, MorningSide president Eric Dueweke, and our own local photographer, Jim West.

4820 Nottingham has been a notorious dumping spot for years. After planting a lovely tree, putting down sheet mulching, planting sunflowers, and installing a homemade NO DUMPING! sign that was made by fellow board member Nic Hall. Since the sign has been upright there has been no more dumping - a major victory for our Nottingham community curb appeal.

It really looks and feels a lot better with these blessed trees. I've noticed many neighbors decorating the bases of the trees with flowers and stake lights and taking care of the berm.

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*Charon Nogues is a Nottingham resident and at-large member of the MorningSide Community Organization Board.*



Volunteers of the Greening of Detroit assist children in planting a tree. Image courtesy of Jim West



Volunteers are hard at work in digging the location for the tree planting. Image courtesy of Jim West

## Let's Talk Trash

### The Morningsider

Don't forget that you can get text messages reminding you of bulk trash and recycling pickups by texting your address to (313) 800-7905.

Here are your next three bulk trash pick up dates:

Thursday, June 23

Friday, July 8 (delayed one day due to July 4 holiday)

Thursday, June 21



Trash dumped on along the berm of Chastworth and Waveney. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

## Juneteenth - A Day of Reflection

### Jeffrey D. Lewis II | The Morningsider

To many across the United States, Juneteenth represents the second independence day as enslaved people could finally celebrate their freedom. This Sunday will mark the 157th anniversary of that day. Although many in the African American community have observed this day for years, it is important to note that when the Emancipation Proclamation was signed into law in 1863, slaves in the state of Texas were not freed until two years later. Juneteenth was finally established as a national holiday once President Joe Biden signed the bill into law last June.

This day presents the opportunity to reflect, as well as learn more about the history of this significant holiday. The Detroit Free Press put together an amazing list of events taking place to commemorate the holiday.

<https://www.freep.com/story/entertainment/arts/2022/06/09/juneteenth-events-detroit-films-food-music-shopping/7551540001/>



A woman embraces a Juneteenth celebration. Image courtesy of Shutterstock

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

## The City of Detroit now offers COVID-19 Test to Treat program

### City of Detroit


- The Detroit Health Department to be the only health department in Michigan to offer rapid COVID-19 testing, on-site evaluation, and prescription COVID oral medication at a convenient and accessible location

The City of Detroit is partnering with the State of Michigan to expand services to treat residents with COVID-19. Detroiters who test positive for COVID-19 at a City testing site can be evaluated and receive antiviral medication. The services are free.

The Test to Treat program provides residents with a fast and easy way to get life-saving treatment for COVID-19. In this program, people can get tested at Test to Treat sites across the nation. If they test positive and medication is appropriate, they can receive antiviral pills at the visit. If other treatments are needed, referrals will be made to local partners. Oral medications are 90 percent effective at preventing severe illness due to COVID-19 but are only effective if treatment begins within five days of illness onset.

The Test to Treat program is currently available at Joseph Walker Williams, 8431 Rosa Parks Blvd., from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Test to Treat is only available by appointment by calling (313) 230-0505.

For more information, go to [detroitmi.gov/news](https://detroitmi.gov/news).

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## Resources & Upcoming Events

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**CITY OF DETROIT**  
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PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

# VACANT LOTS

**GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL DO 5 CUTS THIS SEASON THROUGH OCTOBER 31**

- The City of Detroit performs a safety cut to keep the grass at an acceptable level and promote community safety to improve the neighborhoods. Clean-up is performed by a separate crew up to 24 hours after the cutting crew leaves.
- Cuts are weather contingent and may be rescheduled
- In cases where community members maintain the lot themselves, please place a 3-4' wooden stake on the front of the property. The wooden stake should be painted hot pink at the top or have a secured hot pink ribbon tied on it. If vacant lots are not clearly marked crews may cut the lot.



To view the interactive map, visit <https://bit.ly/detroitvacantlots>. To inquire about your vacant lot, visit [detroitmi.gov/vacantlots](http://detroitmi.gov/vacantlots). For additional questions call 313-628-0990.

**Detroit Vacant Lot Cut Schedule**  
2022 1st Cut:  
May 14  
May 18  
May 22  
May 26  
May 30  
2nd Cut:  
October 31

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**GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**WEEKLY UPDATE**  
OPPORTUNITIES

# WORK FOR REC

**DETROIT PARKS & RECREATION IS HIRING NOW!**

Activities at recreation centers help build strong, safe, and proactive communities. Active, lively, and dependable recreation centers in our communities change lives. Join us and change a life and impact our City. (Positions starting at \$15/hr, eff. July 1)

**RECREATION PROGRAM COORDINATORS**  
Full-time entry level recreation professional position, responsible for the daily program and operation of the recreation center. (\$15.95-\$18.45/hr).

**PARK AMBASSADOR (SKILLS FOR LIFE - ENVIRONMENTAL TECH)**  
The Parks Ambassador performs a variety of tasks such as educating the public about and enforcing the park rules and regulations. (\$15/hr)


**PLAYLEADER**  
As a seasonal worker, organizes and directs the recreational activities at a recreation center or a city park. (\$11.59/hr, eff. July 1, \$15/hr)

**SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR**  
Full-time professional swim instructor position responsible for the daily program and operations of a community swimming pool. Must have Water Safety Instructor Certification (WSI) and Lifeguard Instructor Certified (LIC). (\$15.98 to \$18.45/hr)

**LIFEGUARD**  
Monitors water-related recreational activities at the municipal swimming pool. (\$13.02/hr, eff. July 1, \$15/hr)

**LOCKER ROOM FACILITY ATTENDANT**  
Monitors water-related activities at recreation center swimming pools (\$9.87/hr, eff. July 1, \$15/hr)

**APPLY NOW! WE HAVE POSITIONS FOR ALL DETROITERS**  
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**EASTSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK**

# HOPE Days at ECN

If you cannot pay your taxes for financial reasons, you may be able to reduce or eliminate your 2022 property tax obligation with the [Homeowners Property Exemption \(HOPE\)](#)

Our goal is to "Help Our People Excel" through the Homeowners Property Exemption... HOPE Day

**Weekly Appointments Every Monday**  
Call for Scheduling & a list of required documents

For more information please contact, Sparkle Berry  
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See other side for required documentation

## Resources & Upcoming Events

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**TAKE PART  
HART PLAZA  
2022**

**General Services  
Department  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
DIVISION**

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| <b>MAY 28TH - 30TH</b>     | <b>MOVEMENT FESTIVAL</b>               |
| <b>JUNE 11TH - 12TH</b>    | <b>MOTOR CITY PRIDE FESTIVAL</b>       |
| <b>JUNE 27TH</b>           | <b>FORD FIREWORKS/ RAIN DATE</b>       |
| <b>JULY 2ND - 3RD</b>      | <b>CHUCKS VS ADIDAS</b>                |
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Hello Morningside:

I am Darnell Gardner, I'm running for State Representative in our 9th District. District #9 is new, and it encompasses all of Morningside. That makes you critical stakeholders for future decisions within our District.

Born and raised in the Warren and St. Jean area, I have lived on Lakewood, Bishop, and Chandler Park Drive. I know every street and many of the challenges Morningside is facing. I will be knocking on your doors in the coming weeks to learn more. I hope you will engage, challenge, and vote for me on August 2nd.

### MY BACKGROUND.

- Production Process Coach Ford Motor Company
- Member of Michigan Democratic Party
- Member of UNITY church
- Board member Stellantis Detroit Neighborhood advisory council (NAC)
- Former UAW Member
- Member of East Canfield Village improvement group.
- Member of Beniteau street block club
- United States Army Veteran
- Michigan Military Academy OCS graduate class 33
- Wayne State University School of Business Administration graduate

### MY INITIATIVES.

1. Repeal Michigan's anti-Union organizing laws
2. Advocate for environmental safety
3. Fight for Women's reproductive health and their right to choose
4. Eliminate state taxes on retiree pensions\
5. Ensure federal tax dollars allocated for Detroit go to neighborhoods
6. Fight blight and neighborhood neglect
7. Advocacy for Digital inclusion
8. Improve public education

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# Morningside's Finest

Christopher Scott, 1969-2022

By Susan Newell

*Christopher Scott was the kind of neighbor we all wish for, and the neighbor I was so fortunate to have for many years. When he died suddenly on May 13, at the age of 53, the news spread quickly on Three Mile, and we were all shocked and saddened.*

*Chris's house was the most impeccably groomed on the entire block - his yard smooth as a putting green, front steps flanked by large pots of seasonal plants and flowers, a colorful flowered flag hanging from his front porch.*

*But it was Chris's generosity of spirit - his warm smile and gentle demeanor - that I will miss most. I always felt like giving him a hug after we talked, just to thank him for putting me in a good mood.*

*He obviously touched many other lives as well, as evidenced by the outpouring of tributes on Nextdoor and his obituary page.*

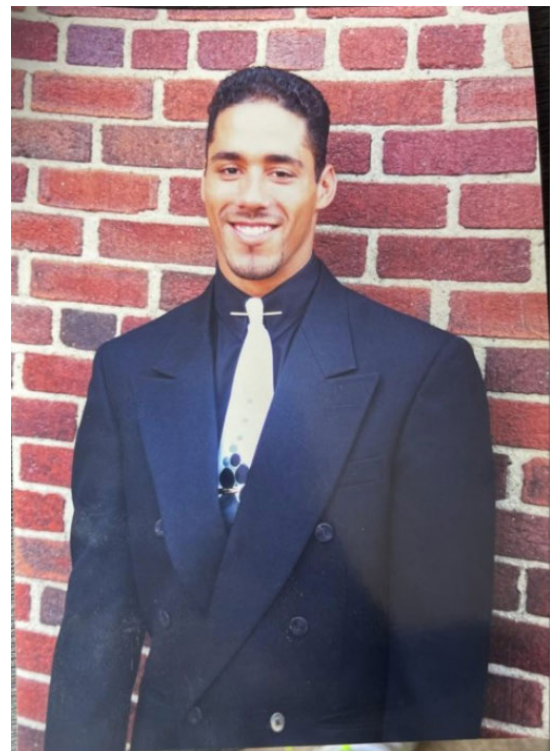
*Tributes to Chris poured in from neighbors: "...He was the epitome of kindness and did have the greatest smile in the world."*

*They came from fellow members of Nativity of Our Lord Church, where he sang in the choir. "He really put all of his heart into singing his solo in our Easter song, 'Rise Again.'"*

*A fellow softball player remembered how Chris got him involved at Softball City 25 years ago, when the friend was new to Detroit and had few contacts here.*

*Even Chris's customers on the Grosse Pointe route where he was a letter carrier loved him and mourn his loss. Several spoke of how much they enjoyed seeing him every day. One said "My children started calling him Uncle Chris! What a positive human!"*

*Chris is survived by his two sons, Christopher David Scott and Justin Christopher Scott, grandson Jelani Scott, older brother Glenn Scott of California, many loving cousins in Michigan, and so many others who will continue to be inspired by his example.*



Christopher Scott. Image courtesy of the Scott family

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