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Mayor Mike Duggan is joined by elected officials and developers of the new affordable housing investment coming to the former St. Matthew school. Image courtesy of The Detroit News

New Affordable Housing Coming to MorningSide

Eric Duweke | The Morningsider

Detroit — A big investment in MorningSide made big news all over town last month. As you may have seen on Channels 2, 4 or 7, Mayor Duggan and other state and city officials announced on June 23 the approval of funding to convert the former St. Matthew School into 46 units of affordable housing. The two school buildings, located behind the church at Harper and Whittier have been empty for over ten years. Led by a collaboration between Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, St. Matthew Parish and Ascension Michigan, the project will take two years to complete.

Health-related services for the new residents will be provided in the former gym by Ascension St John. Services will also be available to members of the surrounding communities, including MorningSide.

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Newly Renovated 3437 Devonshire lists for \$300K

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3437 Devonshire Road. Image courtesy of Zillow

Here's further evidence that our slogan, "MorningSide - A Community on the Rise" isn't an empty one.

Check out these photos of *3437 Devonshire*, which is on the market for \$299,900. Finally investors are beginning to put some serious money and effort into rehabbing our vacant homes.

https://www.redfin.com/MI/Detroit/3437-Devonshire-Rd-48224/home/61341393

The rising property values are good news for home owners, perhaps not so much for renters. Our organization will strive to be responsive to the needs of both groups as we continue to rise.

What's Happening on East Warren?

Susan Newell | The Morningsider

The good news is that work on the long-awaited East Warren streetscape between Three Mile and Cadieux began in earnest over the past month. The bad news is that, as we know too well, it's causing plenty of disruption for drivers, pedestrians, and businesses. But having learned some valuable lessons from previous streetscaping projects in other parts of the city, all the city departments responsible for this one are doing their best to minimize disruption and communicate effectively with residents and businesses along the corridor.

According to Sarah Feldman, Operations and Special Projects Manager for East Warren Development Corporation, which is serving as a partner and liaison with the city in this project, "This week crews completed cold milling on the north side and set up 'Open for Business' signs. We are working with the city to support parking during the construction." (Cold milling is the technical term for "tearing up the sidewalks.") Framing of some sections - or "flags" - of the sidewalk has begun at the eastern end of the construction zone, in preparation for pouring new cement.

Another bit of good news is that E. Warren Development Corporation is offering microgrants for E. Warren businesses along the streetscape, ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, which can be used for special projects like facade improvement, advertising, and hosting events, or signage. Applications should be live in the next week. Make sure to sign up at <u>https://forms.gle/28BthmmVYhM4scnTA</u> to learn more about the microgrants.

It is the city representatives' hope and expectation that work on the north side of E. Warren will be completed by the end of the summer. Work on the south side will begin shortly after that, with the goal of completing the major streetscape components towards the end of the year. Beautification items, such as flowers and plants, will be completed in early spring.

Until then, as residents we can do our part by remaining patient - major construction doesn't happen overnight and by alerting city representatives when we experience problems along the corridor. They won't be able to help us if they don't know what we need.



The process of cold milling on the north side of East Warren is in full effect. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II



A sidewalk slab is placed in a dump truck. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

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Additionally, it is vital we are visiting and shopping at our local businesses when possible to support the corridor during these slower months.

The city will be holding virtual office hours every Wednesday until November 10, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. We encourage residents to bring your questions and concerns. Here's the Zoom link: <u>https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/88343840935</u>

E. Warren Development Corp. will also be sending out weekly newsletters to keep us informed of progress on the construction and other things happening on the corridor. You can sign up to receive them and view the current newsletter by visiting <u>https://linktr.ee/ewdc</u>.

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



Construction is in full motion along the East Warren corridor. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

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St. Matthew Parish has maintained the buildings since closing the school. The church, which will remain open, is proud to find a new way to revitalize the site, according to its pastor Fr. Duane Novelly.

"The Residences at St. Matthew" is a \$17 million investment that includes funding from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and the City of Detroit. This funding will ensure that residents of half the units pay no more than 30 percent of their income in rent. The remaining units will be targeted for individuals classified as low/moderate income.

At the June 23 event on Audubon outside of St. Matthew, Mayor Duggan stated, "As our city comes back, the most important thing we can do is to make sure the Detroiters who stayed can still afford to live in the neighborhood of their choice, and today's announcement gives that commitment a big boost." Councilmember Latisha Johnson added, "Today is a great day in District 4, as we are announcing not only announcing affordable housing but also a home for those who need it most, as well as new life for a building that has been a MorningSide landmark for almost 100 years."

Several Audubon residents joined the Mayor, Councilmembers Johnson and Mary Waters and developer representatives at the announcement ceremony. President Eric Dueweke represented MorningSide.

Other partners on the development include Ethos Development Partners and Cinnaire Solutions, who will provide project management, logistics, and technical support. For more information, visit the Catholic Charities website <u>https://ccsem.org/residences/</u>.

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

Detroit Yarn Haulers Make a Comeback

Yulanda Burgess | Contributing Writer

After a very long absence, the Detroit Yarn Haulers has found a wonderful spot to gather at the East Warren Farmers Market beginning on July 7, 2022, 5 - 8pm, located at 16835 East Warren (the old Pizza Hut site).

Folks can again gather to crochet, knit, embroider, needlepoint, quilt, hand sew, and any other textile fiber art. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of their skill level. So, haul in your yarn (and fabric and thread) and sit a spell at this wonderful market.

Enjoy and partake of vendors and the music. Bring a chair and your own supplies. There are always food vendors available which provides many dinner options. We will be out in the open, so sunscreen is a good idea.

Remember that this is not a class. However, if you are a beginner textiler, others will be able to help you. We will discuss if this will continue every Thursday or just periodically. I also have in mind a field trip to Michigan Fine Yarns and a lunch at Anna's House on a Saturday.

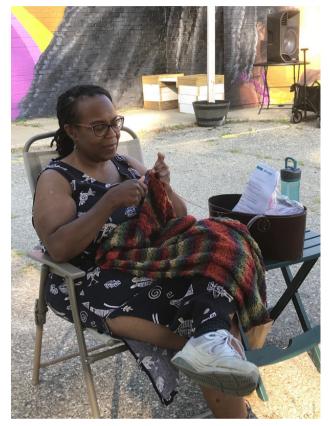
Please note that our gatherings are not selling moments. If you are interested in selling your items, you must register as a vendor. I currently am registered and will be vending in mid-July.

Please spread the word about the market and our gatherings. Together we can thrive as a community if we support one another.

Website: <u>https://ewarren.org/market/?</u> <u>fbclid=IwAR0G5SdigWayTnV9gtuBejCAil7oDr8b1J8nllwN</u> <u>WIkt-6Pzh3K18rRc9tl</u>

For more information contact me at <u>yarnhaulers@yahoo.com</u>

Yulanda Burgess is a resident of Yorkshire Woods and an avid fabric artist



Yulanda Burgess crochets her latest project at the E. Warren Farmers Market. Image courtesy of Susan Newell

As The MorningSide Grassrots Garden Grows

Mary Ellen Kearney x Monique Tate | Contributing Writers

On a beautiful, sunny day Habitat for Humanity Detroit, in partnership with the Rocket Community Fund, came together to add the next steps of transformation to MorningSide's Grassroots Garden. More than 35 volunteers from the Rocket family of companies gave their time and energy to assist Habitat's staff and core volunteers with projects to enhance the existing garden space. Motown hits filled the air as volunteers and staff worked side by side on multiple projects including building benches, pulling up weeds, planting the summer crops, and laying down mulch, mulch, and more mulch! One of the most impressive projects can now be seen in the southeast corner of the garden – a newly built water catchment system. This structure will allow for easy rain collection that can later be utilized to water the plants and finally make the garden a self-sustaining green space!

Raised garden beds were given new life with a variety of plants and a chalkboard was installed with the hopes of inspiring both community notifications, social gatherings, and educational opportunities. While there was plenty of hard work there were also plenty of smiles and laughter. Volunteers enjoyed a delicious boxed lunch courtesy of Motor City Casino and the Habitat staff spent the day ensuring everyone stayed well-hydrated.

Through working on the Grassroots Garden project, Habitat Detroit hopes to impact the MorningSide neighborhood in positive ways beyond homeownership. Habitat Detroit also enjoyed spreading the message of our mission to those who volunteered and community members who stopped by to learn more about our work.

Many thanks for their generous support are owed to Branden Recker for facilitating and executing a vision he co-designed with Garden facilitators, the Rocket Community Fund, Motor City Casino, as well as the outstanding members of the MorningSide Community Organization. Without support from sponsors and investment from the local community, Habitat Detroit's work cannot move forward. While the volunteers planted vegetables and built useful structures, the goal was also to plant seeds of hope and help build the future of Detroit.

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A newly installed chalkboard at the Grassroots Garden. Image courtesy of Monique Tate



Before: Grassroots Garden prior to its restoration. Image courtesy of Monique Tate

The Senior Sun Garden Experience

Aquice Ward | Contributing Writer

Motor City Grounds Crew has partnered with the Disability Network of Wayne County to provide senior citizens with an exciting training and networking series entitled "The Senior Sun Garden Experience." The Sun Garden Experience provides participants with a hands-on introduction to organic urban gardening taught by experienced organic growers and educators.

Gardening offers an excellent opportunity for older adults to stay active while spending time outdoors this summer. Program participants are learning the benefits of growing a variety of vegetables, flowers, and herbs in containers as well as raised garden beds. Moreover, participants are learning how to maintain a healthy diet that is focused on nutrient-rich foods.

Research indicates that as we age our caloric needs will probably decrease, while our nutrient needs stay the same or increase. Eating nutrientrich foods helps the body get the vitamins, minerals, protein, carbohydrates and fats it needs.

Participants are in for a treat this summer because they will also have the opportunity to tour Featherstone Garden. Transportation will be provided by Motor City Grounds Crew. Rooted in Detroit's MorningSide neighborhood, Featherstone Garden strives to educate the community on health and wellness benefits of a plant-centered diet. As a non-certified organic operation, the garden intercrops all-natural greens, veggies, herbs and flowers that complement each other as companion plants, support native pollinators, and contribute to a healthy urban ecosystem. Annie Hakim and Aaron Smith are both Co-Owners of the Featherstone Garden and together they offer tons of experience in the area of growing organic vegetables. You can sign up for the Senior Sun Garden Experience on Eventbrite or just stop by to see us at Bethany Lutheran Church located at 11475 E. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48224 on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. Please see the session dates listed below:

Garden Schedule: July - 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September - 10th, 17th, 24th



Rosi Brown shows off the garden supply set she won at a recent gathering of the Senior Sun Garden. Image courtesy of Aquice Ward

We hope to see you soon!

Aquice Ward is the Project Advisor for Motor City Grounds Crew

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For more information on Habitat Detroit's programming or ways to get involved please visit <u>www.habitatdetroit.org</u> and to volunteer with the garden please email <u>growingmorningside@gmail.com</u>

Mary Ellen Kearney, Director of Philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity Detroit

Monique Tate, Resident, Grassroots Garden Facilitator, & MorningSide Community Advocate



After: The current landscape of the improved Grassroots Garden. Image courtesy of Monique Tate

Featherstone Garden's Organic Produce Farm Stand Opens Now

The Morningsider

Looking for delicious freshly picked organic produce close to home? Featherstone Garden, a commercial non-certified organic garden on MorningSide's west end, has it all at their farm stand, **4178 Lakepointe**, every *Wednesday from 12:00 to 5:30 p.m.* through the early fall.

Featherstone Garden has thrived since we first featured it in the July, 2020 issue of The Morningsider. Annie Hakim, co-owner of Featherstone Garden, now offers a variety of products including jams, sauces, and baked goods, a summer subscription service of microgreens, stir fry kits, or flowers, and educational group garden tours.

For more information, visit their website at <u>https://www.featherstonegarden.com/about-us</u>



A variety of organic plants. Image courtesy of Susan Newell

Happy Hour at the Warren Café

Nicolas Hall | The Morningsider

Our first happy hour in June was a great time! Let's do it again, this time at the recently opened Warren Café.

Warren Café offers classic cocktails in a relaxed and retro atmosphere. Locally owned and operated, it's a great addition to the E Warren corridor.

- When: Friday, July 15, 6pm-8pm
- Where: 16314 E Warren Ave (between Courville and Three Mile)
- Why: Have a drink with your neighbors and support a local business!



Bar operators of the Warren Cafè, Kevin and Rachel. 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

Apple Academy Offering Free App Developer Training

The Morningsider

Here's a great opportunity for anyone with an aptitude and interest in the digital world. Find out more about it in this article from Axios, Detroit's latest online news magazine. Local journalism is still thriving, just in new formats. Check it out!

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Apple's VP of environment, policy and social initiatives Lisa Jackson presents Mario Crippen with his certificate. Image courtesy of Apple

Let's Talk Trash

The Morningsider

If you have neighbors that aren't following the rules for proper disposal of trash, you can try talking to them politely, letting them know that you don't want to see them get a hefty fine. If that doesn't work, you can report the problem under the "Curbside Solid Waste" category on the SeeClickFix website or the Improve Detroit phone app.

Here are your next three bulk trash days:

- Thursday, July 21st
- Thursday, August 4th and 18th



Be a Good Neighbor initiative. Image courtesy of the City of Detroit DPW

Bike Giveaway Recipient: BJ Johnson

Brilliant Detroit x MorningSide Community Organization

BJ Johnson is the proud owner of a new bike, thanks to Brilliant Detroit MorningSide, which gives a bike away each month, in partnership with MorningSide Community Organization's monthly bike rides. BJ who lives on Beaconsfield will now be able to go riding with his two older sisters.

Congratulations BJ! Have fun and be safe.



BJ Johnson standing alongside his new Huffy BMX Bike. Image courtesy of Windee Brown

HER Time to Play Detroit Parks and Recreation Athletics Division

HER TIME TO PLAY is a national initiative dedicated to championing change on behalf of girls and women and providing them with ways to connect, collaborate, and actively engage with one another through the game of basketball. The participants are taught skills on the court as well as take part in the curriculum, created in partnership with the Women's Sports Foundation which pairs on-court training with off-court life skills lessons to help:

- BUILD girls' confidence
- EMPOWER them to face the challenges of adolescence
- TEACH values like teamwork

Hooper Mentality Foundation is a nonprofit that provides mental health awareness to studentathletes through basketball camps, clinics and workshops around the United States and Mexico. Aside from mental skills training. Hooper Mentality hosts many initiatives that also teach life skills and leadership skills for young men and women. The founder, Coach Patty Medina, has 16 years of college coaching experience and a background in mental health. She and her coaches not only teach on court skills, but develop confidence and leadership in their participants. Hooper Mentality has partnered with the WNBA, Jr. NBA, and Her Time To Play to provide women empowerment sports camps to the young women in communities.

Location: Heilman Community Center, 19601 Crusade St, Detroit, 48205

Date: Monday, July 18th and Tuesday, July 19th

Time: 9 am - 2 pm (both days)

Ages: 6 - 16, Girls only

What to bring: Water, Basketball shoes or sneakers for indoor use



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DWSD Lifeline Plan Detroit's FIRST-EVER water affordability plan Developed in partnership with community advocates and water affordability experts, the new Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Lifeline Plan is an income-based water affordability plan. It offers qualifying customers a fixed monthly rate that will significantly reduce their monthly bill - and erase any past debt. Here's how it works. Income-eligible enrolled Detroiters receive up to 4,500 gallons of water every month at a fixed rate. Average Detroit household (3 people) uses between 2,300 to 3,000 gallons per month Appointments required for events \$18 43 556 TUES, JULY 5 • DISTRICT 1 Redford Library 21200 Grand River Ave., 48219 water, sewer & drainage bill <u>if you</u> receive SNAP/FAP benefits. l if you LY 11 • DISTRICT 4 Enrollment begins July 1, 2022 Apply at waynemetro.org or 313-386-9727 m is funded by regional, state and federal doll TAKE PART: Tap Into the Lifeline Plan



Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE)

City of Detroit offers help in reducing or eliminating current property taxes

The City of Detroit, in partnership with the HOPE Counseling Network, is hosting HOPE Application Assistance events in each council district. Completing the Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) application may reduce your current year tax obligation. The HOPE application is also the first step toward receiving financial assistance for back property taxes. Residents Must Apply Every Year.

HOPE Application Events

TUE, JULY 12 - DISTRICT 5 MACC Development 7900 Mack Ave., 48214

TAKE PART

To schedule an appointment, visit detroithope.timetap.com or call (313) 244-0274. Masks Required.

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For more information, visit detroitmi.gov/hope.



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- Proof of residency for ALL MINORS in the home
- Proof of income for ALL ADULTS AND MINORS in the home (e.g. for minors FIA statement, report cars transcript, minor liste
- 2021 Federal and State tax returns for ALL ADULTS REQUIRED TO FILE

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Happening Now Tuesdays 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Card & Board Games
Happening Now Wednesdays 12pm - 2pm	Sewing Basics Class**
Happening Now Wednesdays 11am - 12pm	Senior Fitness Class
Happening Now Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm	Adult Fitness Class
Happening Now Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm	Yoga
Happening Now Thursdays 6pm - 7:30pm	Hustle Class

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Ulysses Newkirk may be new to MorningSide, but he's already putting his varied talents to good use here. In March, Ulysses was asked to help build the new broadcast studio housed in the East Warren Tool Library, and to do web design for EWTL. One thing led to another, and as of last month, he's EWTL's new Tool Librarian, replacing Andrew lanncone.

Ulysses is also the EWTL's newest resident, living in and renovating an apartment over the tool library, which he plans to make available to "visiting creatives." He defines that term very broadly. "I have no limits on what can be art...If you build a movie set or a parkscape, you're an artist." The downstairs he sees as a great work space for all kinds of creative projects.

Ulysses has had several careers - in graphic design, web design, theater set design and construction, and food service. When he isn't busy with the broadcasting studio and librarian duties, you may find Ulysses teaching "art as activism" at the Feedom Freedom Garden on Manistique in the Jefferson- Chalmers neighborhood.

Welcome to MorningSide, Ulysses. We expect you to be a great addition to the EWTL and our whole community.



Ulysses Newkirk. Image courtesy of Susan Newell

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