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The duo of Kevin Daniel and Rachel Walker owns The Warren Cafe. Image courtesy of Nicolas Hall

Warren Cafe Celebrates 1-year Anniversary

Nicolas Hall | The Morningsider

Detroit — To say that I'm a fan of the Warren Cafe would be an understatement. Excellent drinks, retro decor, and a beautiful long bar that goes on and on. The main reason the bar is such a gem though is because of the staff. Kevin and Rachel are super nice and welcoming, and keep me coming back.

As they celebrate their one-year anniversary, I thought it would be nice to ask them some questions and find out how the last year has been.

NH: Who is Warren Cafe?

WC: The Warren Cafe is a family-owned bar by Rachel Walker, fiance Kevin Daniel, and Rachel's father, Darryl Walker.

NH: When did you acquire the space?

WC: Rachel's father Darryl Walker acquired the space in 2010, back when it was Club Xhale. He then changed the name to The Warren Cafe.

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March Madness Isn't Just About Basketball

Roberto Paredes | Contributing Writer



A volunteer reading to children. Image courtesy of Brilliant Detroit

Brilliant Detroit MorningSide is excited to announce our March Madness Read-A-Thon in celebration of National Reading Month. This event will take place at 5048 Balfour.

We are in need of adults and teens to volunteer to read to kids in MorningSide. Click [here](#) for more details and to sign up to volunteer to share the joy of reading with our "MorningSide Stars."

Roberto Paredes is Community Engagement Coordinator for Brilliant Detroit MorningSide

Meet the New District 4 Manager

Susan Newell | The Morningsider

Caprice Jackson, new District 4 Manager in the Department of Neighborhoods, brings a wealth of experience at all levels of government to her current position. “I’ve had a love for government and politics since I was a child,” she says, and it shows.

After graduating from Michigan State’s James Madison College with a degree in Social Relations and Public Policy, Caprice worked in Lansing, first for Fred Durhall III when he was a State Representative, then for State Representative Kyra Harris Bolden, who now sits on the Michigan State Supreme Court.

Caprice then turned her skills and energy to Detroit city government as a policy analyst in District 7, and later worked for U.S. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence as a Grants and Projects Specialist. After an unsuccessful run for State Rep, Caprice returned to Brenda Lawrence’s office to serve as her Deputy District Director until the Congresswoman’s retirement last year.

When the Manager’s position opened up in the Department of Neighborhoods, “this was the perfect opportunity to go back home,” she says. Caprice grew up on Detroit’s west side and now says “I’m an east sider by day and a west sider by night.” During her time at Congresswoman Lawrence’s office, she worked closely with residents of the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood helping to resolve their flooding problems, so she is no stranger to District 4.

On the rare occasions when Caprice takes time to relax, she loves to travel, either to visit family in California or venture outside the country. “I love to learn about new cultures,” she says. Her next major trip will be to Dominican Republic. “And when I drive, I always go through state capitols,” she says with a laugh. She’s obviously a woman who has politics in her blood.

“Learning the community is the best part of this job so far,” says Caprice. “I appreciate everyone who’s given us such a warm welcome.” As for her approach to residents, “I pride myself on being very accessible and being able to solve problems...I’m only a phone call, text, or email away.” You can reach her at (313) 236-3518 or caprice.jackson@detroitmi.gov.

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



City of Detroit District 4 Manager, Caprice Jackson.
Image courtesy of Caprice Jackson

Continued... Warren Cafe Celebrates 1-year Anniversary

NH: When did you guys open? What was that process like?

WC: We opened in the beginning of January 2022. Actually we just celebrated our 1-year anniversary.

NH: Tell me about the bar itself (the physical bar that you order a drink from and sit at). It's huge and gorgeous and spans the entire front end.

WC: The physical bar was there when we acquired the space. It's a classic shotgun style bar. It was designed and installed by Grand Bar Equipment Co., once located on Grand River Avenue. The date in which the bar was installed is unknown and the company is no longer in existence.

NH: What's the last year been like?

WC: The last year has been a beautiful journey all the way around. Over the last year, through plenty of word of mouth and support from the neighbors in Morningside, we have been getting through what many say is the roughest time when opening a new business.



Community members gather for Happy Hour last Summer. Image courtesy of Nicolas Hall

NH: Where did you get your bartending chops? Where and how did you learn to make such a great drink?

WC: Our bar manager Kevin Daniel has taken the experience he has gained from working all around the city of Detroit and brought a classic cocktail program to our neighborhood bar here on the eastside.

NH: What is Warren Cafe best known for? Most popular drink?

WC: Honestly, it's hard to name just one drink we're known for. If anything we're known for being a place you can rely on to get a great classic cocktail.

NH: How would you describe Warren Cafe? What is the vibe at Warren Cafe? What kind of music? What kind of people?

WC: The vibe at the Warren Cafe is warm and relaxed, but also lively and dynamic. Just like the city of Detroit itself, we have people of all walks of life in the bar.

NH: Anything else we need to know?

WC: The Warren Cafe greatly appreciates the support and positive feedback we have gotten from the community. We will continue to make changes and strive to be a business that the residents of Morningside and the surrounding neighborhoods are proud to patronize.

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

New Sculpture at Alger Highlights Detroit Grand Prix

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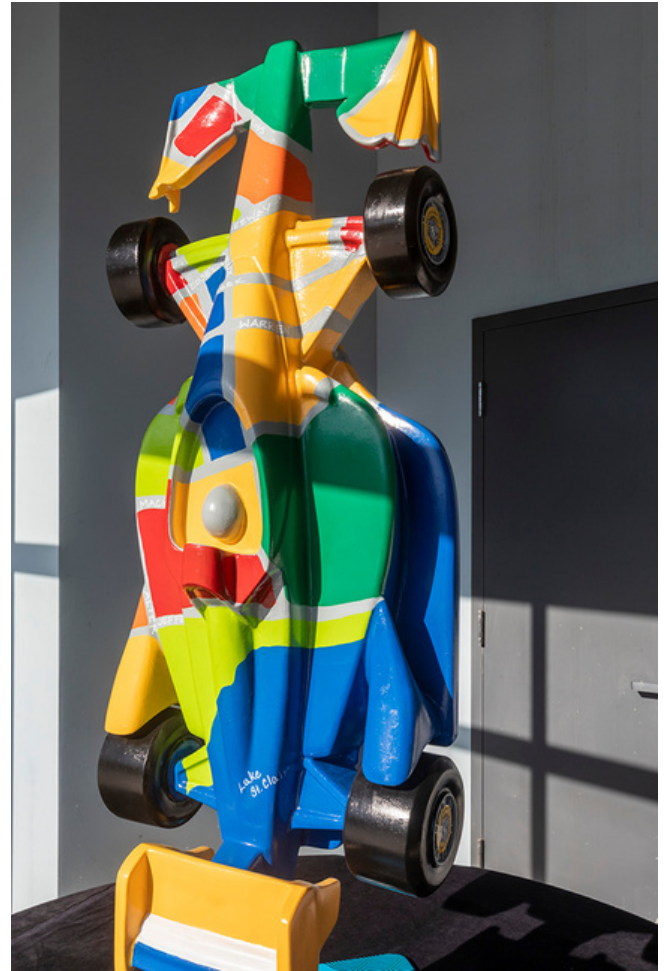
At first glance, the sculpture installed in the storefront next to the Alger Theater might appear to be just a colorful abstract design. But look closer, and you'll see it's actually a sports car, painted by students from our neighborhood high school, East English Village Prep Academy at Finney.

The sculpture was created as part of a collaborative art program sponsored by PPG Industries, and the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD), to highlight the return of the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix Presented By Lear to downtown Detroit on June 2-4.

Each of nine high schools in Detroit was provided with a 1/16th scale model Indy Car mounted on a base. Using paint and art materials supplied by long-time Grand Prix partner PPG Industries, the students created their own designs on the car. Each group of students was asked to come up with a design representing their school, community, the Grand Prix, or the city of Detroit. Students at EEVPA at Finney chose to decorate their Indy Car with a map of District 4 and surrounding communities.

All seven Detroit Council districts will house at least one car sculpture in local businesses, recreation centers, art galleries, and community gathering spot. The cars will be available for purchase in an online auction this May, with proceeds going to the City of Detroit Office of Arts, Culture, and Entrepreneurship.

Tickets are on sale now for the 2023 Chevrolet Grand Prix presented by Lear, hosted on the new 1.7-mile street circuit in Downtown Detroit, June 2-4. Ticket sales are ahead of pace from previous years and fans are encouraged to purchase their seats and passes as soon as possible. To purchase tickets and to learn more about the 2023 Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear, please visit www.DetroitGP.com.



A Indy Car sculpture at the Alger Theater. Image courtesy of Jim West

EEVPA Dean of Culture Named Administrator of the Year

Adrian L. Green | The Morningsider

Our own Lonell Williams, Dean of Culture for the 11th Grade at East English Village Preparatory Academy at Finney, was recently named Administrator of the Year by the Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors (OSAS).

Mr. Williams received the honor at the 9th Annual Champions of Education gala fundraiser at Mumford High School on Wednesday, February 1. The event, a collaboration between the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) and the DPS Foundation, celebrated its teachers, administrators, and staff. Emceed by FOX 2 anchor/reporter and DPS alum Josh Landon, the gala included a VIP reception, awards ceremony, and dinner.

“This is more than a job, more than a paycheck,” DPSCD Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti told the audience of nominated teachers, educators, school-based leaders, and support staff. “It’s about passion and belief that our children deserve more than they receive, and you all make that happen.”

Mr. Williams has worked in a variety of important roles with the District including Physical Education/Health Teacher, Basketball Coach, Athletic Director, Community Engagement Leader, and now Dean of Culture. He is a native Detroit and a 1991 Graduate of Detroit Chadsey High School. Mr. Williams attended Olivet College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education in 1995 and Master’s Degree in the Arts of Teaching in 2004.

Mr. Williams says that one of the things he loves about Detroit is the hard working families and communities that make Detroit a great place to live and visit. He also loves engaging with communities, parents, and the District staff in positive conversations about DPSCD and the vision of the Superintendent.

Adrian L. Green is Dean of Culture for the 10th grade at EEVPA at Finney. He also serves as Treasurer of MorningSide Community Organization



Lonell Williams (Center) receives the OSAS Award. Image courtesy of Adrian L. Green

In Loving Memory of Lenora McElrath

Karin Barger | Contributing Writer



Lenora McElrath. Image courtesy of The McElrath family

Lenora McElrath became part of the MorningSide community, which she loved, over 30 years ago, having moved from the west side while proclaiming “they got nothin’ on us!”

She was active with the MEC CB radio patrol and served as the secretary and “unrecognized” leader and “mom” of the Bedford Block Club, keeping its members in line while serving as comic relief for us all.

Lenora was the “go-to girl” for the Bedford group. Any issues we had, you called Lenora and she took care of them while diplomatically (NOT!) providing education and one of her famous lectures on how to use See-Click-Fix, never failing to mention that our fingers weren’t broken! And I won’t even begin to mention the sometimes (often times!) colorful language that was just her.

When her health permitted, Lenora was always part of the clean-up campaigns, and when not able to participate, she still showed up and cheered the team on. She rarely missed a MorningSide meeting.

Lenora never forgot a birthday or failed to check in on us when we were ill following surgery, with Covid, or just generally under the weather. She was always there to lend an ear. She was a community advocate, an inspiration to our block, and the glue that held us together.

To know her was to love her. I know I speak for all of Bedford Block Club and those whose lives she impacted in saying she will be missed.

It was a privilege to have known you, Lenora. Rest in peace our dear friend, and may you fly with the angels.

Karin Barger is a 40-year resident of MorningSide and Co-President of the Bedford Block Club.

February Events at the Jefferson Branch Library

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Make a Black History Month Fabric Wreath

Date/Time: Saturday, February 18 at 2:00 pm

Description: Create a bit of home decor with this fun project. Space is limited. All materials supplied. Ages 6 and up.



An African inspired fabric wreath. Image courtesy of Getty Images

STEM Saturday Leap Into Science: Light and Shadow

Date/Time: Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 pm

Description: Have fun exploring science with this hands-on workshop. Experiment with light and explore the ways that light interacts with objects to create shadows, reflections, and more.



Children showcasing shadow puppets. Image courtesy of Getty Images

Let's Talk Trash

The Morningsider

Please remember and remind your neighbors that garbage bags on the berm will not be picked up. All bags must be in the Courville container.

Your next three bulk trash and recycling pickups are:

Thursday, February 16

Thursday, March 2

Thursday, March 16



A pile of trash bags dumped along Chatsworth and Waveney street. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURES: A PREVENTABLE THREAT

Eric Dueweke | The Morningsider

Each year, the month of February ushers in tax foreclosure prevention season in Detroit. The taking of homes in MorningSide by the Wayne County Treasurer for non-payment of property taxes has become the biggest threat to our neighborhood's stability over the past decade. On March 31, the Treasurer will take ownership of all properties that are two or more years behind in tax payments.

Preliminary numbers as of February 6 show 221 MorningSide addresses in danger of foreclosure. A comparable list contained 213 addresses during the same week in 2022. This 2023 total represents supposedly occupied structures; additional vacant lots that may be foreclosed are not included.

MorningSide leadership will again organize the task of passing out flyers and knocking doors at each address in danger of foreclosure. Our efforts will be coordinated with Councilmember Johnson's staff and several nonprofit agencies that provide assistance. Last year, we touched over 190 homes, most of which ultimately avoided being auctioned by the Treasurer.

Homeowners in danger of foreclosure can access several programs that provide funds or payment plans. Most promising is the State of Michigan's MiHAF fund that grants up to \$25k for income-eligible households to pay back due taxes. Renters whose landlords face tax foreclosure and want to purchase their house can explore the Make It Home program.

Any properties whose owners do not pay their past due taxes or enter into a payment plan by March 31 will be auctioned off by the Treasurer in September. Over 20 MorningSide homes, along with a couple dozen vacant lots, were sold to new owners through the September/October 2022 Wayne County Treasurer Auction process.

A few committed volunteers are still needed to contact neighbors facing foreclosure. If you can assist, please email me at ericdue@umich.edu or morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com. Let's go for zero MorningSide houses in the 2023 tax auction.

Eric Dueweke, President of the MorningSide Community Organization

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MSHDA
 Michigan State Housing Development Authority

MSHDA Home Assistance flyer. Image courtesy of Michigan State Housing Development Authority

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That's right! Next Chapter Books has found our neighborhood supportive enough to extend their stay at least until the end of March. They offer a variety of books for all ages on Thursdays and Fridays noon to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Let's help keep new local businesses alive! Image courtesy of Susan Newell

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Our city takes Black History Month seriously, offering a variety of programs at various cultural institutions. Click [here](#) to see what's happening and how you can participate.



Black History Month banner. Image courtesy of Getty Images

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Donyelle Pressley | The Morningsider

From tackling opposing players in NFL stadiums on Sundays to saving lives daily, neurosurgeon Myron Rolle has lived a life that many would deem impossible.

Learn more of this amazing individual who has made history in his own right by clicking [here](#).



Fomer NFL Player, Myron Rolle, MD. Image courtesy of Boston Globe

Cloud Cannabis Holds Grand Opening

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Hundreds of customers and the curious attended the grand opening at Cloud Cannabis Saturday, February 5. Cloud Cannabis, located at 16001 Mack near Haverhill, is one of the first stores in the city of Detroit licensed to sell recreational marijuana.



Customers are consulted by Cloud Cannabis employees. Image courtesy of Jim West



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