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Morningside Cafe is a Motor City Match Grant awardee. Image courtesy of Morningside Cafe

## Motor City Match Awards \$50,000 Grants to Two Local Business Owners

[Susan Newell](#) | The Morningsider

**Detroit** — Two new businesses in our community - Morningside Café and Next Chapter Books – have just been awarded \$50,000 grants under the city-sponsored Motor City Match program. Motor City Match was established in 2015 to revitalize our commercial corridors and help fledgling businesses owned by minorities and women. The money couldn't have come at a better time.

Jeffrey D. Lewis II, owner of Morningside Café, was within days of opening his coffee shop on E. Warren in January of 2022, when a fire broke out in Stilleto Shoetique, the shop next door. The fire caused significant smoke damage, forcing Jeff to do a complete rebuild. The fire, and the hassles he faced from his insurance company, would have broken the spirit of most aspiring entrepreneurs – but not Jeff. He started all over and has built back better than ever.

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## E. Warren Streetscape Nears Completion

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An aerial shot of the streetscape improvements to East Warren Avenue. Image courtesy of Jim West

A few years ago, the E. Warren Streetscape was just a dream, illustrated with a series of sketches on poster board. Today, it's a well-landscaped and inviting business corridor that any neighborhood would be proud to have. Just a few finishing touches are needed to complete the vision this fall.

- Corner flower beds have been cleared of weeds and are ready for new plants to be put in during the fall planting window.
- More signage is on order.
- Miscellaneous paving and concrete work at Courville and the Cadieux intersection should be completed this month.
- A utility pole at the southeast corner of E. Warren and E. Outer Dr. will be removed and replaced with an ADA ramp.

In spite of all the challenges posed by the pandemic, once construction began, it has remained more or less on schedule. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make this vision a reality!



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## Composting 101 at Morningside Community Garden

### The Morningsider



**Ricky Blanding (Left) of Scrap Soils.** Image courtesy of Mark Rutherford

Ricky Blanding, shown here giving an introduction to composting at the Morningside Community Garden on Barham near Mack, is the owner of Scrap Soils, and a man with a mission.

As their website describes it, Scrap Soils is “a mission-driven organization dedicated to reducing food waste and harmful greenhouse gas emissions one compost bin at a time. We aim to educate the community on the power of composting and make the process accessible for everyone.”

Scrap Soils is hoping to develop a partnership with Morningside in the coming months. In the meantime, you can find out more about the great work they’re doing [here](#).

## TALK TO US!

### *Letter to the Editor*

One of our goals is to make *The Morningsider* more interactive and resident-driven. To that end, we invite you to send us your ideas and opinions – what do you like about the newsletter, what should we be paying more attention to, what pressing issues are Detroiters facing? Please keep your communications brief - about 200 words - and respectful in tone. Send your comments to [morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com](mailto:morningsidecommunity2@gmail.com). Letters, edited as necessary for space and clarity, will be published each month.

## Continued... Motor City Match Awards \$50,000 Grants to Two Local Business Owners

Because he'd won a Motor City Match grant a few years ago, Jeff was "definitely surprised" when he won again. We have to assume that the funders recognized and wanted to reward a business owner who refused to give up.

Jeff says he'll use the \$50,000 to build up his inventory and purchase a few more pieces of equipment. Currently he's started interviewing potential employees and plans to hire 3-5. He's also getting the hardware installed for payment transactions. Jeff says he's on track to do a "soft" opening around the end of this month.

One wall in Morningside Cafe is devoted to a mural, which should be completed within a few days. Jeff is keeping the subject of the mural under wraps for now, but hints that it "incorporates elements of the community" and "gives people a feeling for what we're about."



Owner of Morningside Cafe, Jeffrey D. Lewis II. Image courtesy of the City of Detroit

Sarah Williams, co-owner of Next Chapter Books with her husband Jay, is equally delighted to receive the Motor City Match award. "We're really encouraged to have so many people believe in this business," she says.

The grant will allow her and Jay to put in a new floor, add signage to the building, build their inventory of books, and get book cases. "Until now we've been working with a small business loan and lots of sweat equity," she says. "This grant is a game changer."

For a few months, Next Chapter Books was located in the storefront next to the Alger Theater. At the end of April, they moved from that location to their new building at the corner of Kensington and E. Warren. Old-timers remember it as the Sherwin Williams paint store.



Co-owners of Next Chapter Books, Jay and Sarah Williams. Image courtesy of Next Chapter Books

Sarah and Jay are planning a "soft" opening shortly after Labor Day. In the meantime, in addition to renovating the new building, they've continued the Next Chapter monthly book club started in February. The selection for September 5 is *Sea of Tranquility*, a science fiction book by Emily St. John Mandel. Sarah says new members are welcome.

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

## "Curb Appeal"

Jeffrey D. Lewis II | The Morningsider



The Pitts. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

For 40-year resident, Fred Pitts, it's quite simple, "he likes to look good." Mr. Pitts and his wife have one of the most beautified, detailed lawns not just on Nottingham, but in all of Morningside.

As most Morningsiders know, portions of the western end of our neighborhood feature many stretches of vacant land, but when you drive by the Pitts abode, I personally guarantee that you will turn around to take a second look.

Mr. Pitts takes enormous pride in his lawn. As mentioned earlier, "he likes to look good." Whether it is his home, his wife of 55 years, or himself. "It doesn't take much to make your neighborhood look good," says Mr. Pitts. "It doesn't matter if you're a homeowner or a renter, take pride in the place you call home. If everyone did their part, no matter how big or small, our community would look so much better."

Mr. Pitts recalls a time when there was not one single abandoned house or vacant lot on Nottingham. "Back then the majority of the residents were homeowners and all our neighbors took very good care of their homes.

The Pitts lawn features the likes of hibiscus plants, a neatly manicured ponderosa tree, and so much more.

Originally, the idea for their lawn started as a friendly competition between the husband and wife duo. "My wife and I made a bet many years ago to see who could spruce up the yard the best," says Mr. Pitts. "We just continued to keep the trend going and here we are all these years later."

Mr. Pitts takes care of the lawn, while his wife takes care of the floral selections for the porch.

"Hopefully we will inspire those around us to spruce up their yards a little. I would welcome the competition."



The Pitts have a variety of annuals and perennials throughout their lawn. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

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

## “The Corn is as High as an Elephant’s Eye” on Cornwall

**Charon Nogues & Susan Newell | The Morningsider**

The Corn Wall on Cornwall project started a few years ago when my husband Gaston and I decided to stop illegal dumping, which was a big problem around our house on Nottingham. We bought several vacant lots along Cornwall, and slowly we’ve been turning the berms into gardens. This year we built a big raised bed garden on one berm and filled it with flowers like zinnias, sunflowers and of course, corn. Corn is very good for pulling toxins from the soil, and this year the soil is actually good enough that we can eat the corn from one of the berms.

We want the corridor to be a destination place for people to stroll and enjoy the flowers and bees. Probably eight people a day stop by to say how much they enjoy it. We’ve planted a lot of native pollinator perennials like bee balm and borage, which the bees love, so now we’re finally part of the bee superhighway! The only problem with the native perennials is that they spread themselves and are starting to grow in unintended places like sidewalk cracks and curbs. There’s milkweed, for example, growing in one curb.



Sunflowers fills the berms along Cornwall street. Image courtesy of Jim West

One of our vacant lots has been filled with large logs and tree stumps we’ve collected and plan to use for various purposes. They needed to be dried out for at least a year before they could be used. This year some of them are ready, and Gaston has stripped the bark and cut them up to create a scalloped edge along the perimeter of one lot. All the ladies love it and want us to do it on their block.

The lot that has the scalloped edge will be an outdoor movie theater. We have a screen and two projectors, so we can start doing movie nights, hopefully by the end of this month. People can bring their own lawn chairs, and Gaston is turning some of the tree stumps into chairs as well. Other projects will be a big wooden swing and a bat house.



Tree stumps are being converted to chairs at the Corn Wall on Cornwall project. Image courtesy of Jim West

Eventually we want the project to extend on both sides between Somerset and Barham. We started the Corn Wall on Cornwall with three goals in mind: to stop illegal dumping, take ownership of city berms and encourage others to do the same, and show that we care about our community. So far it’s working, but keeping the berms maintained and the native pollinator plants under control is a big job, and we can use help! If you want to be a part of revitalizing this part of Morningside, call or text me at **(562) 895-9399**.

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*Charon Nogues is an At-Large member of MCO*

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## Changes Coming to Detroit Land Bank's Housing Program

[Latisha Johnson](#) | Contributing Writer

It is an honor and a privilege to represent your voice and work towards a brighter future for all of us. Today, I want to share an important update about a topic that has sparked meaningful discussion and controversy within our City Council chambers - the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) BuyBack/Occupied Program.

First and foremost, I firmly believe in the importance of this program. It aims to address the decline in homeownership, blight, and property abandonment, key issues that have affected our neighborhoods for far too long. The program allows people currently occupying a DLBA property to purchase it if they have a connection to the property and the means to buy it. It has successfully turned hundreds of occupiers into homeowners. It is a good and well intentioned program, but not without flaws. I sought a fair and effective solution, so I proposed amendments to Councilmember Mary Waters' resolution.

Councilmember Waters proposed that the program be audited and suspended until the audit is complete. I understand her concerns and recognize the need for improvements, but I felt strongly that we had an opportunity to collaborate on a solution that benefits everyone concerned. I proposed a solution to bridge the gap between its current state and its potential. I contacted the Housing & Revitalization Department (HRD) to solicit their support in addressing the program's shortcomings and implementing targeted enhancements. Working together, we found practical solutions that maintain the program's momentum while ensuring it aligns with our shared vision of revitalizing Detroit.

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### DLBA x HRD RESOLUTION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** All DLBA-owned, single-family addresses where outreach does not result in DLBA contact by the occupant are to be sent to HRD's Housing Services (HS) Division for proactive outreach.
- 2** All DLBA outreach attempts, types (postcard, poster), and frequency are to be documented in a shared report with HRD's HS division.
- 3** Any resident who unsuccessfully exits the Buy Back Program is to be routed to HRD for proactive outreach and re-enrollment.
- 4** Any resident who does not meet Buy Back Program eligibility is to be routed directly to HRD's HS Division for housing assistance.
- 5** Housing assistance in the form of OPDP enrollment must be offered to all residents who do not meet Buy Back Program eligibility, regardless of the reason for ineligibility, i.e., failing for documentation or failing for inspection. This offer will be facilitated by HRD's HS division and supported by the DLBA.
- 6** Encourage breaks: Teach your child the importance of taking breaks and downtime to avoid burnout and maintain focus.
- 7** DLBA will facilitate regular convenings between HRD's HS division and OPDP partners to ensure that residents who choose the OPDP option are given first preference and direct assistance by HRD where needed to rent the home.
- 8** No DLBA properties will be sold to OPDP partners without documented outreach from both the DLBA and HRD to the address to check for occupancy and to enroll in the Buy Back Program or assistance if occupied.
- 9** Referrals for sale to the OPDP partners will occur through HRD's HS division. An OPDP sale will never occur before full, complete outreach by the DLBA and HRD.
- 10** All OPDP referrals will flow through HRD's HS division. Before the home is offered to an OPDP partner, DLBA and HRD will offer the opportunity to qualify for the Buy Back Program.

## Featherstone Garden's Fresh Produce is Back

**Annie Hakim** | Contributing Writer

Visit Featherstone Garden's Farmstand on Wednesdays from **August 9 - October 25**. **4178 Lakepointe Street** and enjoy fresh, all-natural produce, grown in Morningside. Seasonal produce will include herbs, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, squash, beans, cucumbers, greens, berries, fresh flowers, and more!

Rooted in Detroit, Featherstone Garden sells produce year-round to neighbors and local restaurants. Featherstone's team strives to educate its community on the health and wellness benefits of a plant-centered diet. As a non-certified organic operation, the garden intercrosses all-natural greens, veggies, herbs and flowers that complement each other as companion plants, support native pollinators, and contribute to a healthy urban ecosystem.

We accept cash, Venmo and Cash App. If you have any questions, contact me at [annie@featherstonegarden.com](mailto:annie@featherstonegarden.com)



A variety of produce is regularly available at Featherstone Garden. Image courtesy of Annie Hakim

*Annie Hakim is the owner of Featherstone Garden*

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## MOE Better Awards

### The Morningsider

What comes after a “three-peat” - a “four-peat” perhaps? That’s what Morningside Community Organization is going for with this year’s MOE Better Awards, sponsored by Eastside Community Network (ECN). MOE stands for “Most Outstanding on the Eastside”, and for the past three years, MCO has won the award for “Best Eastside Neighborhood Association.”

Help solidify our reputation for awesomeness by clicking on the link in this image and voting for MCO, as well as “bests” in other categories recognizing outstanding restaurants, fun spots, businesses, and employers in our area.

Winners will be announced at the Eastside Extravaganza on Friday, September 22.



MCO board members received the 2022 MOE Better award for the Best Eastside Neighborhood Association. Image courtesy of Gary Gray

## Continued... Changes Coming to Detroit Land Bank’s Housing Program

On Tuesday, July 18, 2023, we voted to move forward with the resolution proposed by Councilmember Waters and amended by me (see the highlights here). This resolution will significantly impact the future direction of the Buy Back/Occupied Program and our city's ability to serve its most vulnerable citizens.

I urge each one of you to engage in this conversation. Your perspectives, experiences, and ideas matter greatly. Together, we can find a way to improve the program and address equitable homeownership while maintaining our neighborhoods' integrity and preserving all residents' interests. If you have any thoughts, suggestions, or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at **(313) 224-4841** or [councilmemberjohnson@detroitmi.gov](mailto:councilmemberjohnson@detroitmi.gov). Your input is invaluable, and your voice will be heard through me.



District 4 Councilmember Latisha Johnson. Image courtesy of the City of Detroit

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*Latisha Johnson represents our community as the District 4 Councilmember on Detroit City Council*

## Upcoming Community Programs at the Jefferson Branch Library

Megan Summers | Contributing Writer

### **Chair Yoga For Adults With Good Vibz Yoga**

Wednesday, August 9 from 6 - 7pm

Chantia Thompson of Good Vibz Yoga will host a series of Chair Yoga workshops for adults this summer. Chair yoga involves relaxing seated poses and support with a chair. It is a gentle form of yoga that is good to take anywhere. You will learn some seated and standing poses and modifications will be offered to make the practice accessible for everyone. The program will be limited to the first 15 attendees, so be a bit early to be one of them.

### **Michigan Small Business Development Center: How to Write a Business Plan**

Monday, August 14 from 6 - 7:30pm

(Rescheduled from June 26)

Host Jacqueline Jones Love will assist both entrepreneurs who are looking to write a business plan for the first time and those who already have a plan they would like to improve. The program will be limited to the first 24 attendees, so be a bit early to be one of them. Learn more about the Michigan Small Business Development Center by visiting their website at <https://michigansbdc.org/>.

### **Coffee Hour With State Rep. Veronica Paiz**

Monday, August 21 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

State Rep. Veronica Paiz (D-Harper Woods) is serving her first term representing the 11th House District, which stretches from northeast Detroit to St. Clair Shores. Rep. Paiz is a second-generation Mexican American, whose family moved to Michigan from Texas in the 1960s to work in the auto industry. A longtime resident of the district, a former Detroit resident and a native of Macomb County, Paiz brings to the Legislature a unique insight into the community she represents and the challenges they have faced. Visit <https://housedems.com/veronica-paiz/> for more information.

### **Preparing Your Garden for Winter On Zoom**

Wednesday, August 30 from 6 - 7pm

The dog days of summer may be upon us, but it's already time to start thinking about preparing your garden for winter. Are some of your plants disappointing? Is one plant too happy (and eating its neighbors)? Are you interested in saving seeds for next year? Lindsey Kerr, Consumer Horticulture Educator from MSU Extension, will answer all your questions in this interactive Zoom presentation. Register for the online presentation here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/preparing-your-garden-for-winter-on-zoom-tickets-658590932207>

### **Preparing Your Garden for Winter**

Saturday, September 9 at 2:00 pm

Although frost seems like far away, it's never too early to start thinking about how you are going to get ready for winter and next year's growing season. Let's reflect back on this year's garden, talk about collecting seeds, plant and soil care for colder months, and fall cleanup of vegetable and flower gardens. Hosted by Lindsey Kerr from MSU Extension Services. Interested in attending? Make sure to register on Eventbrite, and we'll send you reminders. The program will be limited to the first 24 attendees, so be a bit early to be one of them. Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/preparing-your-garden-for-winter-tickets-675429426597>

## East English Village Prep Academy To Get New “Health Hub” This Fall

The Morningsider

EEVPA at Finney Principal Marty Bulger hosted a press conference last week at the school, where Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti announced the establishment of “health hubs” in twelve high schools. EEVPA at Finney will be among the first five health hubs opening this fall.

The hubs will provide comprehensive health services to promote students’ physical and mental health, including physicals, dental care, vision screening, mental health services, and “wrap-around” services for students and their families. Parents struggling to get food on the table, trying to keep utilities turned on, preventing eviction or facing other legal problems can get access to the resources they need through the health hubs.

The program has a two-fold goal: to foster healthier families and to cut down on the absenteeism that results when problems at home aren’t adequately addressed.

## Audubon Yard Sale Returns Saturday, August 19

Nicolas Hall | The Morningsider

The 4800 block of Audubon (Cornwall to E Warren) is having its annual yard sale on Saturday, August 19th, from 9:00am to 4pm.

This is a multi-family yard sale with most houses on the block participating, so please plan on stopping by and saying hello.

There will be new and pre-owned household items, recreational items, clothing, books, bikes, furniture, and much more!

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

EEVPA is already providing some of these services, says Mr. Bulger, but thanks to generous donations from area foundations and individuals, they will be able to dramatically ramp up the services they can offer the school community.



DPSDC Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti addresses attendees at East English Village Preparatory Academy at Finney. Image courtesy of Ethan Bakuli/Chalkbeat

Read more about it [here](#) in Chalkbeat Detroit or watch the story [here](#) on Channel 4.



## Great Vibes at the Summer Sizzler

Nicolas Hall | The Morningsider

Our Summer Sizzler neighborhood block party was an overwhelming success. Neighbors from all across Morningside came together to hang out and have a great time. And we had perfect weather for it — sunny in the 70's with a nice breeze.

Grillmaster Adrian Green dutifully served up hot dogs, while Morningside food truck Tacos Hernandez provided delicious tacos and drinks.

Music was provided by Marty Bulger, Principal of EEVPA at Finney. Marty served as the DJ /emcee and did an outstanding job partnering with Bea Davis who provided an hour of hustle lessons

The Detroit Fire Department stopped by the event. Kids were able to go into the fire truck and use a working fire hose. It was a great sight to see — happy children shooting water hundreds of feet in the air!

Vendors sold artwork, t-shirts, jewelry, and house plants. (And I scored a vintage Detroit Tigers shirt!).

There were plenty of games on site – badminton, football, frisbee, cornhole, hula hoops.

Face painting was a really popular activity. And Board member Alex Afanasyev brought a larger-than-life Russian chess board, which galvanized the attention of a lot of kids.

In terms of attendance, we had 125 people sign-in at the Morningside table. But as you and I both know not everyone signs in at these events. So I'm going to go ahead and put that number closer to 200.

A big thank you goes out to the Summer Sizzler event committee, and Susan Newell in particular, for the hard work involved in putting on this event. We can't wait to do it again next year!



MCO board member Alex Afanasyev (Right) plays a game of chess. Image courtesy of Jeffrey D. Lewis II

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# Summer Sizzler Photos

Jim West | The Morningsider



## Let's Talk Trash

The Morningsider

You may be tired of hearing about Courville containers, but the city isn't tired of enforcing the ordinance against leaving out those containers for days before and after the weekly trash pickup. Read what they have to say about it, and don't say you weren't warned!

Here are the next three pickups for yard waste, bulk trash, and recycling:

Thursday, August 17 and 31  
Thursday, September 14

**Did You Know...**

...Courville containers should be taken out as late as possible and brought in as soon as possible?



According to **City Code Sec. 22-2-41**, When collection service is desired, all Courville containers must be placed by the owner(s), lessee(s), agent(s) or caretaker(s) at the curb or designated location no sooner than 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled solid waste collection day for access by Department of Public Works' solid waste collection trucks and shall be removed no later than 9:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

Neighborhood Police Officers are cracking down on code violations throughout the City of Detroit.

Please attempt to wait as late as possible to bring your containers to the curb; and remove them from the curb as soon as you seen that your trash has been picked up.

**City Code: City Code Sec. 22-2-41**

**Please Share: Tell a friend!**

We encourage you to take an active role in spreading this knowledge to your neighbors! By sharing this information, we can work together to create a more harmonious and visually appealing neighborhood.

If you've found that speaking with your neighbors about breaking City of Detroit ordinances, report it. You can report ordinance violations by inputting them in the Improve Detroit App or contacting your District Managers:

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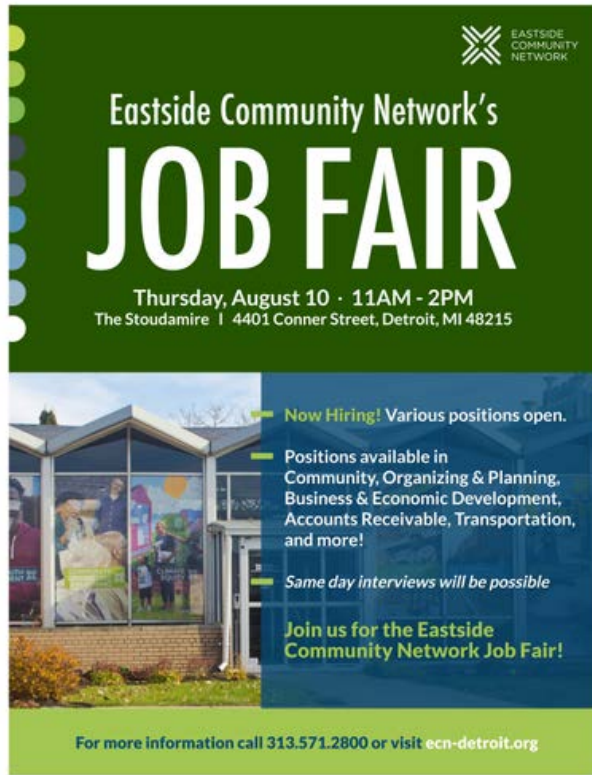
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- Friday August 11, 2023 Opera in The Park Comstock Park, 20340 Greenfield Det, MI
- Friday August 25, 2023 Opera in The Park Farwell Park, 4444 8 Mile Rd
- Friday September 8, 2023 Opera in The Park, "Closer" Spirit Plaza, 2 Woodward Detroit, MI

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PROJECT N.O.A.H.

# STROLLER ROLL PROJECT NOAH

To show how important young moms and their children are to the Growth of Detroit, 250 Young Moms will walk their babies in strollers around Chandler Park. Stationed around the park will be opportunities where they can enroll into job training programs, housing programs, and educational programs. Employers will have booths where some may even be hired on the spot! Banks, Hud Agencies, and dozens of other Resources will all be there! **2 MOMS WILL WIN A FREE HOMEOWNERSHIP PACKAGE OR A CAR!**

**AUGUST 26, 2023**  
12 NOON - 4PM  
12600 Chandler Park Dr

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DISTRICT 4



# SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

### DISTRICT 4 HEALTH FAIR

Councilwoman Latisha Johnson is excited to announce our upcoming District 4 Health Fair! The event is set to bring together an exceptional array of vendors and speakers, all dedicated to addressing the wellness needs of people of all ages. We invite you to join us as we delve into the realms of wellness, focusing on the spirit, mind, and body.

September 30, 2023



10am - 2pm



East English Village Preparatory Academy at Finney  
5020 Cadieux, Detroit, MI 48224



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## 5th Precinct Residents and Stakeholders Board of Police Commissioners COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, August 10, 2023 • 6:30 pm  
WCCCD Eastern Campus - Cooper Room  
5901 Conner Street

MEETING TOPICS

Neighborhood & Citywide Crime Updates  
Community Leader Presentation

JOIN IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM

Meeting ID 81981390642  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81981390642#success>  
or Join Meeting as an Attendee  
By phone, call 1 (312) 626-6799 and follow prompts

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## Looking to become a homeowner?



Do you need assistance with a down payment? Then the City of Detroit may have a program to help you.

You may qualify for up to \$25,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance when buying a home.

**The Detroit Down Payment Assistance Program** provides qualified families grants up to \$25,000 for down payments, pre-pays including interest rate buy down, closing costs, and principal reduction when purchasing a home using a purchase mortgage or a purchase renovation mortgage. The City of Detroit has committed \$6 million from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to increase homeownership in Detroit through the program.

**Am I ready to apply for DPA?**

- Take a Homebuyer Education class
- Find your lender to get pre-qualified for a mortgage
- Find your home
- Last, apply to the DPA Program

**INCOME GUIDELINES**

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
\$43,740	\$59,160	\$74,580	\$90,000	\$105,420	\$120,840	\$136,260	\$151,680

The program is administered by the National Faith Homebuyers (NFH), a Detroit-based nonprofit that assists people in purchasing a home. The organization offers homeownership counseling to help families stay in their home. NFH offers help with closing costs, down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers along with financial literacy programs.

Learn more or apply at [www.detroitDPA.org](http://www.detroitDPA.org)

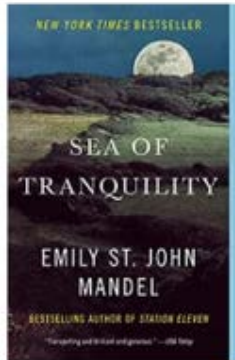


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Next Chapter Books  
Monthly Book Club  
Tues. Sept 5 at 6:30 p.m.



A novel of art, time travel, love, and plague that takes us from Vancouver Island in 1912 to a dark colony on the moon five hundred years later, unfurling a story of humanity across centuries and space.

Winner of Best Science Fiction  
Goodreads 2022 Choice Awards.

Location:

Next Chapter Books  
16555 E. Warren Detroit

E. WARREN DEVELOPMENT CORP. NEWSLETTER

# SAVE THE DATE

## E. WARRENFEST

END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Games  
Live Music  
Food Trucks  
Details to Come

Apply to be a vendor:  
[linktr.ee/ewdc](https://linktr.ee/ewdc)

Mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate!

# SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2023

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Below are the rates for advertisements:

**6 - Month Run**

\$825 Full Page  
\$400 Half Page  
\$275 Quarter Page

**Monthly Run**

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