

BUILDING D4 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



February 3, 2025
SECOND EDITION: ISSUE 2

"Don't let the message get lost just because someone has human tendencies." - S.D.P

Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter? Or perhaps an event or important information you'd like to share?

Lets Us Know

Email:
buildingd4community@gmail.com

Keep Up With US

www.buildingd4community.org
Instagram:
@buildingd4community
@Strength_in_unityd4

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Explore our newly revamped website for volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, and exciting programs!

WWW.BUILDINGD4COMMUNITY.ORG



Together... We Can!



Community Project Success: Outdoor Warming Station



We are thrilled to announce the successful completion of our community project to build an outdoor warming station! Despite the below 30-degree weather, our dedicated team of 15 volunteers came together to assemble a 20 by 20 tent. Their resilience and hard work made this project a reality, providing a warm and safe space for our February Outdoor community projects.

We sincerely thank all the volunteers from the communities and Life Remodeled for their tremendous effort and determination. Your dedication to our community is truly inspiring.

Beginning February 3, we will start rehabbing our first community house. Join us by signing up on our website: www.building4community.org.

Thank you for making a difference!

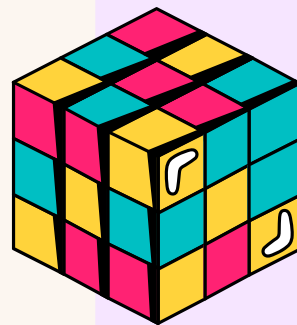


HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Benjamin Jones

If we didn't have birthdays,
You wouldn't be you,
If you'd never been born,
Well then what would you be,
You might be a fish.
Or a toad in a tree.
You could be a doorknob,
Or 3 baked potatoes.
You might be a full bag of hard green tomatoes.
Or worst than all that
Why, you might be a wasn't.
A wasn't has no fun at all.
No he doesn't.
A wasn't just isn't.
He just isn't present.
But You are you.
Now isn't that pleasant.



Happy 7th Birthday Benjamin Jones!
From Daddy



Celebrating the 99th anniversary of Black History Month

Honoring Carter G. Woodson: The Father of Black History



Carter G. Woodson, born on December 19, 1875, in New Canton, Virginia, is widely recognized as the "Father of Black History". His dedication to preserving and promoting African American history has left an undeniable mark on our understanding of the past.

In 1926, Woodson initiated Negro History Week, which later evolved into Black History Month. He chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two figures who played significant roles in African American history. Woodson's goal was to encourage the study and celebration of the achievements and contributions of African Americans, which were often overlooked or misrepresented in mainstream history.

Despite facing numerous obstacles, Woodson earned his bachelor's degree from Berea College in 1903, a second bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1908, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1912, becoming the second African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard.

In 1915, Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) to promote the scientific study of Black life and history. This organization played a crucial role in advancing the field of African American studies.

In 1916, Woodson launched "The Journal of Negro History, a scholarly publication, to provide a platform for research and discussion on African American history. The journal remains an important resource for historians and scholars. He would also publish, "The Mis-Education of the Negro" in 1933. This influential book critiqued the education system's failure to properly educate African Americans and highlighted the importance of self-reliance and cultural pride.

Carter G. Woodson's legacy continues to inspire and educate generations. His tireless efforts to document and celebrate African American history have ensured that the **4** contributions of Black Americans are recognized and remembered.

Deeply Rooted Gardens & DTE Partnership Brings Resources to Mapleridge Farmers

Dazmonique Carr, founder of Deeply Rooted Gardens, and DTE Energy have teamed up to bring valuable resources to farmers in the Mapleridge community. This partnership supports over 2,000 farmers in Detroit by providing materials like cable reels, wood pallets, bricks, rocks, wood chips, and utility poles. These resources help farmers with essential tasks such as irrigation and setting up their farms¹. This collaboration not only aids in the growth of urban farming but also promotes sustainability by repurposing materials

You can read the full article and sign up to receive resources at:
www.deeplyrootedproduce.com

Grow With US!

Utilize growing plots at Occupy Your Mind Farms

Grow fruits and vegetables for both consumption and profit right here in the Mapleridge community.

Donny Jones, the founder of Occupy Your Mind Academy, offers plots of land to Mapleridge residents to cultivate produce for you and your family. No experience is needed, as he will guide you through the process. With spring approaching, don't wait! To claim a plot free of charge for Mapleridge community members and Strength in Unity Neighborhood Association associate members, contact Donny Jones.

Contact Donny Jones at 313-808-1457.



Donny Jones: Founder of Occupy Your Mind Academy 5

Benefits of Trees



- Clean the air and creates oxygen
- Provide shade and more comfortable indoor and outdoor temperatures
- Keep the Detroit River and our Great Lakes clean
- Help manage for climate change
- Support wildlife and biodiversity - the birds and bees!
- Beautify the block and creates a sense of place
- Create jobs: Residents can train and make money in green careers

Funding provided in part by the Inflation Reduction Act and USDA Forest Service.



These institutions are equal opportunity providers.

Want to volunteer to plant a tree in your community?



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www.greeningofdetroit.com

JOIN US FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAYS



Global Gastronomy: A celebration of International Flavors.

Discover a world of taste right in our community! Come and explore delicious dishes from around the globe, and introduce your taste buds to new and exciting flavors. Whether you're a foodie or just curious, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Don't miss out on this culinary adventure! Bring your friends and family, and let's celebrate the diversity of food around the world!

Registration will be required.

Details will be in our next month newsletter.



HARD COURT HITTERS
 WORKING WITH & FOR THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY



COOKING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS



**CHILDREN
 CLASSES
 BEGINS
 TUESDAY
 NOVEMBER 5,
 2024.**

**ADULTS
 CLASSES
 BEGINS
 THURSDAY
 NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BOTH
 6PM-7PM**

THE BLUE HOUSE

14481 SEYMOUR DETROIT 48205

CONTACT CLARE FOR
 MORE DETAILS

1-248-923-1732



Fall After-school Reading Program



Begins Tuesday, October 29, 2024 – Thursday, June 5, 2025

**Sessions are Tuesday–Wednesday–Thursday
4pm – 6pm.**

**Blue House
14481 Seymour
Detroit 48205**

**Participants will get a chance to earn a monthly gift.
Light snack daily & treats.**

**Registration starts Monday, September 9, 2024.
Contact Ms. Clare at 1-248- 923-1732 or 1-313-980-0675**

HARD-COURT HITTERS' LOVE TEA

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

**THE MATRIX CENTER
13560 E. MCNICHOLS
DETROIT 48205**

1PM - 4PM

**TICKETS:
LOVE DONATION
\$10 EACH**

*Attire:
Red & black*

*Love does not
delight in evil but
rejoices with the
truth.
-1 Corinthians 13:6*



**Call Clare 313-980-0675
Email: hello@hchcta.org**

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MEETING AGENDA

Location	Zoom 81386693037 Passcode: 876155
Date:	February 19, 2025
Time:	7PM – 8PM

Host: Sharita Pierce

Co Host: Jackie Tobar

Topics: SIU 2025 events

-Solar Farm Development (Houston Whittier and

Outer Drive area)

- Community House Update

-Volunteer opportunities

Guest Speakers:

-Teresa Dubose

Hope Program

- Christina Ridella

Greening of Detroit

-Sharita Pierce

Microgreen Farm Update

Organization Representatives:

-Cynthia McClure (Councilmember Latisha Johnson Rep.)

Office of Latisha Johnson District 4 Updates

- Commander John Svec & Captain Gonzales

9th Precinct Updates



STRENGTH
IN UNITY

Thank you for attending.

9TH Precinct – Community Relations Council

February 06, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order -----	2 minutes	S. Turner-Handy
Approval of Agenda-----	2 minutes	S. Turner-Handy
Moment of Reflection -----	1 minute	S. Turner-Handy
Approval of Minutes-----	3 minutes	S. Turner-Handy
Improve Detroit App & PCT Action Form-----	2 minutes	S. Turner-Handy
Treasurer’s report-----	2 minutes	Russ Bellant
Library update-----	3 minutes	Russ Bellant
Council update -----	10 minutes	Councilmember Benson
CVI introduction and updates -----	5 minutes	Q.Smith
9th Precinct update-----	10 minutes	Comm. Svec/Capt. Gonzeles
DPSCD Update -----	5 minutes	A. Cartwright
District 3 & 4 updates -----	5 minutes	
City, County or State Officials Update -----	2 minutes each	
Residential Updates -----	2 minutes each	
Adjourn Meeting-----		

NEXT MEETING
Mar 6, 2025
Meeting ID
856 1783 9535
Passcode 495419

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85617839535?pwd=FMREK0RX4MC6rhHLi5hrrqs1KpODxp.1>

Verizon Skill Forward: Empowering Your Future

Get in-demand skills for in-demand jobs, at no cost to you. Verizon Skill Forward provides you with the skills to pave your path to new career opportunities with job-relevant programs from edX.

Program Highlights:

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