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# **9th Precinct New Leadership**



Commandar John Svec

### **Captain Starr Gonzales**

Under the order of Chief James White, the 9th precinct has, yet again, welcomed a new Commander and Captain. John Svec, previously the commander of the 7th precinct, will now serve as the Commander at the 9th precinct. Additionally, Starr Gonzales, a former lieutenant who has recently been promoted to captain will also begin her role at the 9th precinct. To meet your new Commander and Captain, attend the 9th liaison community meeting held every first Thursday of the month at Heilman Recreational Center. Meetings start at 7:00pm.

### What Impact Does Frequent Leadership Change Have On Communities?

Frequent leadership changes can have both positive and negative effects in any setting. In police precincts, new leadership can introduce innovative ideas and strategies, potentially enhancing policing practices and community relations. Such changes can also make the precinct more adaptable to new challenges and help prevent poor practices while promoting accountability within the force.

However, constant changes can disrupt ongoing projects and initiatives, leading to a lack of continuity and consistency. Frequent changes can create uncertainty and lower the morale of community organizations as well as the officers working under this new leadership.

Balancing the transition with excellent communication between current superiors and newcomers, as well as maintaining a smooth communication stream with active community organizations, is crucial. This approach ensures an effective and responsive police precinct while preserving the momentum that current leadership and community groups have created to address issues within their communitie.

**Neighborhood Police Officers** were established to build a closer relationship between the police and the community. The NPOS at the 9th precinct working with the community grassroots organizations has been a contributing factor to criminal activity being lowered. The commitment that benefits the 9th precinct is the relationships and trust building between community and NPOS. It improves our overall safety, which is the quality-of-life initiative. A HUGE SALUTE TO OUR NPOS.

"Top priority is to ensure the land remains in the hands of the people not spectators."-President of BD4C



Eric R. Saabre Wayne County Treasurer (313)224-5990

# Wayne County Treasurer's Tax-Foreclosed Property Auction

Wayne County annual tax foreclosure is gearing up to start on-line bidding. Full listing of properties is currently available for view at;

www. Way necounty treasurer mi.com.

Here is a list of properties located in Mapleridge that are on the Tax-Foreclosed list:

14438 Mapleridge 14502 Alma 15003 Mayfield 15094 Park Grove 15081 Mayfield 15061 Park Grove 15405 Young 13821 Glenwood 13649 Cedargrove 15819 Linnhurst 14639 Cedargrove 15053 Faircrest 13646 Eastwood 14510 Troester 14461 Troester (Bundled) 15846 Fordham 14128 Spring Garden 15567 Fordham

### **Registration:**

August 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. E.T. through September 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. E.T. Deposits will open from:

August 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. E.T. through September 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. E.T. **Online bidding:** 

Online bidding starts from September 11, 2024, 9.00 a.m. E.T. Batch will start closing on September 18 – September 19, 2024 For complete details go to:

www.waynecountytreasurermi.com

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## **Back to School Festivities**

August was filled with fun activities for children across the city of Detroit. Mapleridge didnt fall short of their contributions. Here are some highlights of events in August:

Tony Russel, president of Detroit Community Solutions, held his fourth annual "Family Fun Day & Back To School Rally." In collaboration with Reformation Church, they handed out 300 filled bookbags. The Buffalo Soldiers showcased their best stallion for children to ride around the park. Our beloved train conductor offered train rides for kids around the neighborhood. The Wayne County Oral Health Coalition provided oral kits, while Black Family Development distributed mental health resources from their tent. The event featured a live DJ, bounce houses, and plenty of books for the children. Marlowe Stoudamire (Troester) park was bustling, marking yet another successful event.



Tony Russel on the right.



CVI (Community Violence Intervention) receipient "4820 Live" also funded a backpack giveaway. NPOS of the 9th precinct volunteered at skinner park to pass out 100 backpacks, 100 hygiene packages and 50 dental kits from Wow Dental, in preparedness for getting kids ready to go back to school.









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# Happy Birthday Dollia Isabella Jones

# A Poem from Daddy

Dearest daughter, every time I look at your pretty face, It reminds me of my old days.

It feels amazing to see my own image in front of me, It is just that you are prettier than I could ever be. You are beautiful, my dear, and so is your heart, Your mind is even magnificent and unbelievably smart. I am so proud to see you grow into such a lovely person, You, dear daughter, are a gift to me from God.





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# The Detroits Residents' Investment Fund: A New Plan for Detroit



Toinu Reeves

**Introduction to the Plan** Imagine if every person in Detroit had the chance to own a part of the city's businesses and buildings. That's what the Detroit Residents' Investment Fund wants to make happen! This plan is about giving people in Detroit a fair opportunity to benefit from the city's success and help everyone build a better future together.

Why This Plan is Needed Right now, many people living in Detroit don't own the properties or businesses in the downtown area, even though they contribute a lot of tax money to the city. This means that while outsiders might make money from Detroit, Detroit residents themselves don't get much benefit. This creates a big problem where people who live in the city don't get to share in the profits from their own community.

**The Problem** Detroit residents have had a tough time getting loans or starting their own businesses. This makes it harder to buy homes or open new shops. Because of these barriers, many Detroiters don't own businesses or property, and it's much harder for them to build wealth and improve their financial situation.

**The Big Idea** The Detroit Residents' Investment Fund is a plan to change all of this. Here's how it works:

- 1. **Ownership for Everyone:** Each person in Detroit would receive a special investment stipend. This stipend is like having a share in local businesses and real estate. You can't spend this money right away, but it represents your ownership in the Fund's investments.
- 2. **Sharing the Profits:** Just like how you might earn interest from a savings account, Detroiters would get a share of the Fund's profits each year. This money can be saved or passed on to your children, helping future generations build wealth too.
- 3. **Investing in Detroit:** The Fund will use its money to support local businesses and development projects in Detroit. It will also offer fair loans and insurance to residents, making it easier for them to buy homes or start their own businesses. How This Will Help Neighborhoods and the Local Economy.

#### Be sure to attend the 9th liaison community meeting September 5, 2024 at 7pm for a in-person presentation by Toinu Reeves. Continued

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- 1. **Growing Local Businesses:** The Fund will invest in small businesses and startups in Detroit neighborhoods. This means more local shops, restaurants, and service providers can open and grow. As these businesses succeed, they will create more jobs for people in the community.
- 2. **Creating Job Opportunities:** With more businesses opening and expanding, there will be more job openings for Detroit residents. This helps reduce unemployment because more people will have work.
- 3. **Improving Safety**: When people have stable jobs and financial security, there is less chance of crime. By providing more job opportunities and supporting local businesses, the Fund can help make Detroit safer.
- 4. **Reducing Poverty**: As more people get good jobs and earn steady incomes, they can better support their families and improve their living conditions. This helps fight poverty and provides a better quality of life.
- 5. **Opportunities for Young People**: The Fund will also create more job training programs, internships, and entry-level positions for young people. This gives them a head start on their careers and helps them build a brighter future.

### How Stipends Will Build Generational Wealth

- 1. **Investment Stipends:** Every resident will get an investment stipend that shows they own a part of the Fund. This stipend can't be spent right away, but it earns money from the Fund's profits. As the Fund grows, the value of these stipends will increase.
- 2. **Building Wealth Over Time:** The money earned from these stipends will add up over time, similar to how savings grow in a bank account. This means residents will see their investment's value grow, helping them build wealth.
- 3. **Passing on Wealth:** The stipends can be passed down to children and grandchildren. This means that the financial benefits of the Fund can help build long-term financial stability for families, helping future generations.
- 4. **Creating Financial Security:** With a steady source of income from the Fund, residents can save for big expenses, invest in their children's education, and plan for retirement. This helps ensure financial security and breaks the cycle of poverty.

**Summary:** The Detroit Residents' Investment Fund is designed to revitalize neighborhoods by supporting local businesses, creating jobs, and boosting the economy. By providing fair financial opportunities, the Fund aims to reduce unemployment, crime, and poverty, while offering new opportunities for young people. Investment stipends will help residents build and pass down wealth. This plan ensures everyone in Detroit can share in the city's growth and prosperity.

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### Strength In Unity Neighborhood Association



President Of Strength In Unity Neighborhood Association

Strength In Unity Neighborhood Association has elected a new President. A true leader understands that leadership is not just about holding power, but about empowering others. They recognize the importance of nurturing future leaders and know when it's time to pass the baton. By stepping aside at the right moment, they ensure the continuity of vision and the growth of the organization. This act of humility and foresight not only strengthens the team but also leaves a lasting legacy of wisdom and trust. A real leader's greatest achievement is often seen in the success and resilience of those they have mentored and inspired. Without further ado, I give you HER. Jackie Tobar. Mrs. Tobar will now take on the responsibilities of continuing the mission. Jackie began as a volunteer and guickly became a member of SIU. Her dedication to the community has earned her the leadership role she now holds. We are excited about the unique dynamics Jackie will bring to the organization.

SIU was founded on June 13, 2023, by community member Sharita Pierce, who served as president for one year. Many milestones were achieved under her leadership. Ms. Pierce will continue to support the organization as a continued member and advocate for the betterment of eastside communities.

Mapleride Community monthly meetings have gone back hybrid. Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday at 7pm. Next Meeting: September 18, 2024 Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 879 6559 3277

Having trouble logging in to zoom? Text or call: 586-582-2096

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SEPTEMBER AT 2:00 P.M. **14911 SPRING GARDEN, DETROIT 48205** 

> FOOD, CORN HOLE, HORSESHOE LINE DANCING AND MORE

R.S.U.P by texting 586-582-2096. Yes, I plan to attend. No, I won't atte