### **BUILDING D4 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

BUILDINGD4COMMUNITY

ISSUE 1 | 12/3/2023



# **GET TO KNOW US**

# **WHO WE ARE**

BD4C is a 5013c community based nonprofit. Our board consist of stakeholders and long standing community members, who collectively share a goal to develop and preserve a sustainable affordable single family home community on the eastside of Detroit. Community building is our motto.

### **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to empower the community with a unified voice. Rid the community of blight, drug activity and all other crime. Create jobs and renovate existing homes and dwellings to create a sustainable community. Building a environment that will embrace change so the community is never displaced.

www.buildingd4community.org/donate

#### **DONATE TO SUPPORT**



# MILESTONES & PARTNERSHIPS

- Successfully organized a Neighborhood Organization, Strength in Unity, impactfully rallying the community for heavy engagement.
- Effectively established a community partnership with the Detroit Land Bank.
- Respectfully partnered with CSV Construction, a local small business.

# STRENGTH IN UNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023



Our 2024 Calendar will available on our website December 25, 2023 www.buildingd4community.org

# VOLUNTEER FOR OUR 2024 EVENTS

Join our volunteer committee or donate your labor of love at a single event.

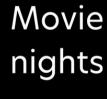
Email us : volunteer@buildingd4community.org

















Ms Anett Mckalpain has lived in Mapleridge community since 1978. She is a stake holder in the community owning several properties, that her family members reside in. "The changes that I've seen has been the destruction of our community as a whole and also to see what a thriving neighborhood was once go down so quickly was heartbreaking and sad." Ms. Mckalpain was one of the first to join our community organization Strength in Unity. She volunteers and donate at every community event. "Through Strength in Unity, I'm seeing our neighbors have that pride again and a renewed faith in feeling safe in our community as a whole."

# **Neighborhood Happenings**

**NEW BUSINESSES** MORNINGSIDE CAFE 16369 SUITE C E. WARREN

NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY 500 MANISTIQUE

TERRI'S CAKES 16311 E. WARREN

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES**



### **SPECIAL THANKS!**

2023 was a successful year. BD4C especially thanks our donors. We appreciate your kind support. Strength in Unity thanks the NPOS for their tireless efforts at keeping our events safe and fun. BD4C also thanks everyone who participates in Strength in Unity for being the catylist for heavy community engagement!

#### BE A PART OF OUR MISSION!

KEEP UP WITH US: @BUILDINGD4COMMUITY **@STRENGTH IN UNITYD4** 

# **DETROIT HOT TOPICS**



#### IVT PLAN

MAY 31, 2023, MAYOR MIKE DUGGAN AND SEVERAL LOCAL STATE REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSED A NEW AND NOVEL PROPERTY TAX PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DETROIT. UNLIKE THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM WHICH TAXES IMPROVEMENTS AND LAND AT THE SAME RATE, THE PROPOSED LAND VALUE TAX (LVT) IS A "SPLIT TAX" THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY FOR 97% OF DETROIT HOMEOWNERS GIVE A PERMANANT PRICE CUT TN 2025. TAX BATES ON VACANT LAND WOULD MORE THAN DOUBLE FROM 85 MILS TO 189 MILS IF STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS APPROVE THE LEGISLATION. THE PLAN WOULD THEN GO TO DETROIT VOTERS IN NOVEMBER OF 2024. TO DATE THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS REJECTED SEVERAL BILLS THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE PROPOSED BILL TO MOVE FORWARD. HOUSE SPEAKER JOE TATE TOLD THE ADVANCE NO MORE VOTES WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON THE PLAN. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DETROITMI.GOV.

### SOLAR ARRAYS NFL DRAFT

THE CITY OF DETROIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH DTE ENERGY IS PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT 6 LARGE SOLAR ENERGY FARMS WITHIN THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS IN AN EFFORT TO MEET THE CITY'S LONG TERM RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL TAKE 250 ACRES OF CURRENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND ULTIMATELY SUPPLY 33 MEGAWATTS OF SOLAR ENERGY TO THE DTE ENERGY GRID. NINE NEIGHBORHOOD SOLAR FARM PROPOSALS WERE RECENTLY SELECTED BY THE CITY FOR CONSIDERATION. TWO THE NINE FINALISTS ARE LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE MAPLERIDGE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING ONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF GRATIOT BETWEEN HOUSTON-WHITTIER AND SEYMOUR (GRATIOT -FINDLEY) AND ONE SOUTH OF HOUSTON-WHITTIER AND WEST OF HAYES (HOUSTON-WHITTIER/HAYES). THE SIX HOST NEIGHBORHOODS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SELECTED IN MARCH 2024. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DETROITMI.GOV.

THE CITY OF DETROIT WILL BE HOSTING THE NFL DRAFT IN APRIL OF 2024. CITY WALLS OPENED APPLICATIONS THANKSGIVING DAY FOR LOCAL ARTISTS WHO WILL PARTNER WITH A LOCAL NON-PROFIT, TO CUSTOMIZE ONE OF THE 20 CLEATS. DESIGNED TO CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF DETROIT. THE CLEATS WILL BE AUCTIONED AND PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ORGANIZATION THE WINNING REPRESENTS. APPLICATIONS CL OSE DECEMBER 23, 2023. FOR INFORMATION GO TO DETROITMI.GOV